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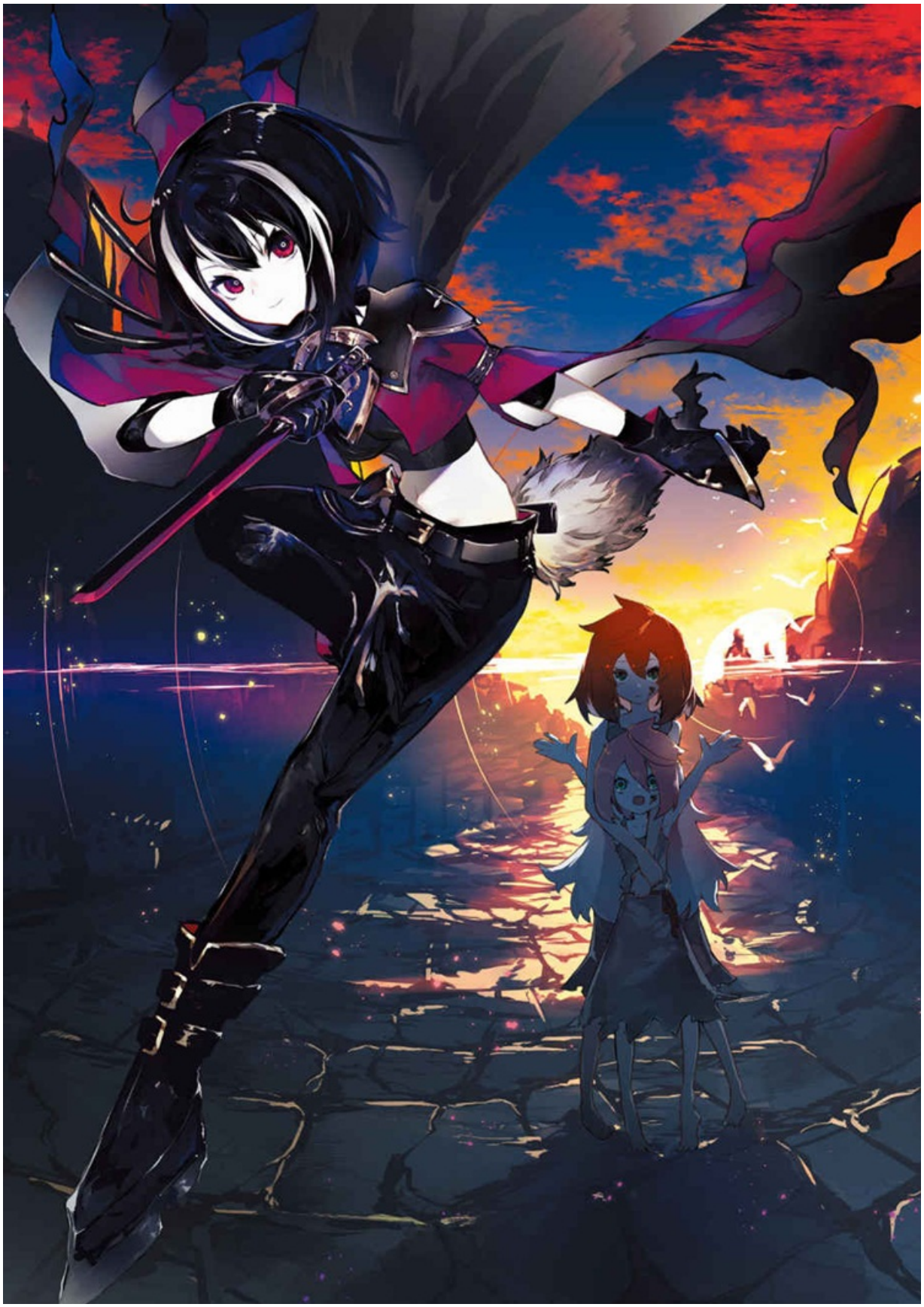

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Chapter 30 – Belzenstock City

(Yuu's Point of View)

— Ah, we have arrived. In front of our eyes is a city resembling the towns in Mediterranean coasts that are lined with white square buildings.

Before entering the city, I need to do what I have been thinking along our way here ….

"We've finally arrived!"

"… Yes, we have."

This is where I bid Rena farewell… I feel lonely somehow. If I could, I want to play with her more.

"You don't look happy, what's wrong?"

Say it, tell her…!

"Um, it's …."

It's no time for the asocial personality move!! Hurry up and say it, gross otaku!!

"Um! Um, I, I …."

"What is it?"

Calm down, take a deep breath… Come on, breathe in, and out… No good, my hands are shaking. Even though it's just a game, I feel like my palms are sweating…

Our first encounter was the worst. With my tongue was grasped, I was threatened with a shortsword in my mouth. I was forcibly taken to the front line as well, but —.

“Um… with me…”

“…?”

— Even so, the adventure with her has been fun; it was nice to show off my knowledge, and her concern for me makes me very happy. There are many scary things about her, but her surprisingly childish innocent side makes me unable to take my eyes off of her, as well as her subtle carelessness against the opposite sex… Above all, —

“— A-after knowing you personally, I think I want to be your friend!”

“….”

I said it! I finally said it! I can’t take back what I said now.

“I’m scared, and you can be overbearing sometimes, but at the same time childish and nosy, too, I think! We have only known each other for a short while, but… That’s why, be my friend… Please register me as your friend!”

I said it… Though I have no regrets, I feel a little scared seeing her saying nothing at all, but… could she be taken aback? Is she wondering why an asocial gross otaku like me being so ecstatic in becoming her friend? If she refuses, I shall graciously accept it —

“… I don’t mind.”

“— Huh?! R-really?!”

“Yes, in the first place, I was thinking that you could perhaps teach me a lot of things while we’re in this city.”

“T-thank you very much! I will do my best to teach you!!”

— Hooray!! She has registered me as her friend!! And even though it's short, I can still play together with her while we're in this city!!

"… Besides, you seem to notice me."

It feels like as if she poured cold water on me with that remark.

W-what should I do…? Doesn't what I said to her earlier seem like a confession from a third-party point of view —?! I'm such an idiot —!!!!

While agonizing over the shame I have caused myself from the mess I made —.

"I'm new to having friends, so please teach me properly."

— Her first time? With just a few words from her, I have already recovered from my earlier predicament. I guess I'm relatively simple.

"Hee hee, this is the first time other people aside from my mother who has properly noticed me…"

Apparently, she does not take it as a confession. I feel somewhat complicated, as I'm not sure whether to feel happy or sad. But I tell myself calmly that it's to be expected due to her subtle carelessness toward the opposite sex, as well as her natural innocence.

"Please take care of me, Yuu."

"Likewise, Rena."

Well, at least she's laughing happily. Even though I'm still not completely sure what I'm feeling, this should be good enough for now, I guess.

More importantly, I can't help but look forward to 'playing' with her—.

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(Rena's Point of View)

When Yuu acts suspiciously before entering the city, I rudely think, ‘Again…?’ and feel sorry about it. While apologizing in my heart, I proceed to register him as my friend.

I manage to make a friend for the first time in real life and games. We are not of the same sex, but that doesn’t matter. I can now tell my mother to rest assured, since she has been worrying that I would die without making any friends.

“… Okay!”

“Shall we enter the city?”

“Yes!”

With a triumphant pose, Yuu and I set foot in “Belzenstock City”.

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“… There are a lot of slaves here, aren’t there?”

As we enter the city and strolled down the main street, many people with a slave seal tattooed on their left cheeks are roaming the street.

“… Actually, those tattoos were originally put in places that aren’t readily visible, like the sole, to prevent collusion between slaves.”

“Really?”

“Yeah, but the feudal lord has been replaced. When the pressure against slaves is getting stronger, the seals are tattooed on their faces for easier identification, or so I heard.”

“I see —.”

He is very well-informed. You can’t get that kind of detailed information from playing games normally. Where on earth does he learn all that stuff?

“… Even so, the slave seals look cool, don’t they?”

“That seal symbolizes Krebskulm, a monster that looks like a sea dragon that governs other monsters lurking around this bay area.”

The name Krebskulm is also pretty cool. Could it be a unique monster?

“Such a dreadful thing is made to be the seal for slaves?”

“It was originally the fastest existence in this bay area. So it seemed to be the sailors’ helper at some point in time. But before you know it, it has become a representation of something fast and spread throughout this city.”

“Fast?”

Something fast for slaves? Is it something like finishing their work fast, or rising from their slavery status fast or something like that?

“Well, erm… In this city, slaves are not much different from consumable goods, and the same seal is used for perishables… In other words, the seal signifies things that are easily damaged…”

… I see, I see?

“… Think of being a slave for life as being someone else’s tool for life. The seal has that kind of strong meaning.”

“….”

… I see, such a terrible reason. A tool? I see.

“… I’ve decided what I want to do in this town.”

“What is it?”

I give him my best smile when I see his surprised and puzzled expression.

“Do you know the French Revolution?”

“….”

He seems to have been petrified with his frozen face. I wonder if my smile is that scary.

Anyway, I have decided on this matter. Let’s get ready immediately.

Chapter 31 – Belzenstock City (Part 2)

I was skeptical when he said we should ‘play’ in this city for the moment. But the culture here seemed to be perfect for it.

“How long are you going to stay frozen there? We should begin our information gathering and preparations.”

“Ah, right!”

Yuu seemed to be disheartened about something, but I should get more information while in his company.

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Well, where should we start our information gathering?

“Yuu, do you know a perfect place to start our information gathering?”

“Hmm… how about we check out the liner that runs in this city? It’s a public institution that manages the waterway that runs in this large city. I think we should be able to find people of various classes there.”

Certainly, a liner would be necessary since large rivers spanned over this whole city and flowed into the sea.

“The slaves are rowing the boats. It would be perfect timing to get more information from them. Do you see that harbor right in front of us? Let’s go check it out.”

“As expected of Yuu. Let’s go then.”

Following Yuu's recommendation, we headed straight to the reception area that only had a roof over it.

"Excuse me. Tickets for two, please."

"Okey-dokey! Oh, you're bringing a very pretty lady, bro! Are you going on a date?"

"D-d-d-da —?! N-no, I'm not! We're —."

"Calm down!"

Yuu told me to wait for a moment while he was buying us tickets. So I waited at a distance apart. But what could be happening with him – a dispute?

"What's happening, Yuu? Is he an enemy? Do you want to finish him off?"

"—! R-Rena?! N-no, he's not! He's not an enemy! He was just teasing me a little!"

"F-finish me off …?"

Apparently, I must have mistaken him for the enemy. The old man at the reception was staring at me in bewilderment. That was too bad.

"A-Anyway, let's get on the boat!"

"…? Yes, let's go."

The liner had just arrived, in time for us to get on …. Why in the world would the old man at the reception keep staring with such disagreeably warm eyes? Had it been better to finish him off after all?

"So tired …."

I decided to observe the passengers on board and leave the exhausted Yuu. There were distinctions in class of seats, as well as people of various social

stratums. The only thing they had in common was the contended and cheerful expression.

“Oh? You look like a new face around here. Are you here sightseeing?”

I glanced over to where the voice was coming from to find an elderly man with a very gentle expression. I guess I had to respond accordingly.

“Yes, indeed.”

“That’s what I thought. So what do you think of this place? Every corner of this city is beautiful and rich, don’t you think?”

“Yes, I think this is a very wonderful city.”

Indeed, every corner of the city was well-groomed, which made the immaculate white buildings that were lined up like the Mediterranean coastal cites reflect the sunlight and the sea. It was absolutely stunning.

The market was abundantly supplied with goods, and the dazzling smiles of the passersby could not be subdued even by the bright sun – it was as if they had no worries about tomorrow.

“But even though you’re so young… it must have been tough on you to walk such a great distance through places infested with monsters while hauling heavy luggage… Would you like some candy?”

“Thank you very much.”

The elderly man handed me some candy. Apparently, it was the product of his shop.

“I’m fine. But the same goes for you, don’t you have a hard time dragging along heavy luggage at your age? Isn’t it tough on your back?”

While maintaining the conversation with the elderly man, I put the candy in my mouth.

“What are you saying? We should just leave that sort of thing to the slaves!”

Oh? I had been walking on eggshells regarding this subject. But even this elderly man, who seemed to be the kindest person, gave me a perplexed look as if I had said something out of the ordinary.

Even such a seemingly good person perceived slaves as objects, not people…

"… It would be riveting if this whole thing were to be overturned." I whispered to myself.

"Did you say something?"

"Oh no, it's nothing. You're right; we usually let the slaves handle them, don't we?"

Oops, my bad. I should answer properly, but I wanted to savor this uplifting feeling.

"… He heard it. As expected, he's scary." I whispered to myself again.

"Well, this is my stop. Please, enjoy your trip."

"Yes, farewell."

The elderly man disembarked at the next harbor. I had no one else to talk to, I shall go meet the slaves who were rowing this boat.

"…"

Everyone was staring this way – people who were holding back their tears, people who looked desperately and in agony – though there were various people, what they all had in common was the lack of resignation in their expressions.

I presumed there would be at least one person who would show a sign of giving up. But as far as my eyes could observe, everyone was persevering as if supporting something.

"… Perhaps there is an underground organization of slaves."

“Really?”

“It could just be my imagination, though.”

Hmm, we shall officially continue this investigation. This might be useful for my planning.

Chapter 32 – Krebskulm Liberation Front

(Nia's Point of View (new character))

"… Sis, I'm hungry."

Clinging to the hem of my big sister's clothes, I was complaining while lying down.

Two weeks had passed since we were brought to this unknown city. It was nice that we could immediately escape from that scary person, but we had to scrounge the garbage for food every day. Some days we went without food at all.

We walked around all day today and only managed to pick up a coin that was not even enough to afford half a loaf of bread… Since it was getting dark, we decided to stop searching and took shelter.

"… I'm sorry, but it's bedtime already."

"No, I'm sorry to say something so selfish."

My big sister was suffering too. She did not eat anything since she shared the little vegetable scraps with me.

I would do my best tomorrow… Sis…

"… I'm sorry, please wait for a little bit."

… Huh?! I fell asleep! It was supposed to be my turn to be on the lookout because our arms would be cut off if I didn't…

“… Eh? Sis?”

Where did my big sister go? Could she have left me? No, she was too kind of a person to do something like that. So where could she have gone? Did she get caught?! I had to go find her!

“Big sis! Where are you?”

I was searching and goggling at every dark alley to find her. Unexpectedly, I found her right away.

“Big sis…?”

Who was that? She was with an unknown old man. What were they talking about? Was that the person who was trying to cut off our arms?

“Oh, they’re leaving!”

The two of them went into the next alley. I had to hurry and go after them.

“What are they doing?”

They went into a secluded part of the alley and laid something like a cloth on the ground… My sister laid there, and the old man on top of her…

“A-aaaaaaaah!!! F-fire —!!!!!”

I figured out what she was trying to do. It was explained to me when we were caught the first time; because I said something so selfish! I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I’m sorry!!

“Hey, there’s a fire! We have to run!”

Upon hearing my scream, the old man was surprised at first. But he did not budge from on top of my sister and started to pull off clothes instead.

“Eh? Why?!”

“Huh? Shut up, brat! I don’t think there’s a fire in a place that overflows with water like this! Even if there is, it will be extinguished soon!”

I even lied with all my might to save my big sister, but it fell on deaf ears. My sister gazed at me with a startled look.

Instead…

“Heh? Taking a closer look, you’re a girl though still a brat. So just let me know if you want to sell, too.”

I could not understand what this old man was saying. Sell? Sell what?

“Huh! Wait! Don’t touch her! I’ll be your partner!”

“Hah! You don’t suppose I’d be satisfied with only one brat like you, do you?”

“Uh, S-sis, let’s run away ….”

While my sister was desperately trying to protect me, I was desperately urging her to escape.

“Shut up! You want money, don’t you?!”

“Ugh!”

He hit my sister… Why? Why? We didn’t do anything wrong.
Someone… even if it’s not god, anyone…

“H-help! Please help!!”

“Ah! Shut up you brat!”

The old man raised his hand ready to strike me, while I was crying and screaming. I guarded my head, while my sister was desperately trying to stop him, and then I saw—.

“— Okay, I’ll help you.”

— Somehow the old man's head fell to the ground.

"Huh?"

Shocked, my big sister seemed unable to wrap her head around what just happened. I stopped crying and stared up at that person without realizing it.

It was a very beautiful lady. Part of her beautiful black hair was white where the moonlight bounced off. Her crimson eyes were striking in the darkness… If this person was not god…

"A demon?"

"Well, in a sense, you're not wrong…"

"Did you say something, Yuu?"

"Huh? N-no! I didn't say anything!"

There seemed to be another person responding to my comment earlier. The lady who saved us had her knife to his throat.

"… Well, whatever. By the way, what are your names? If you have nowhere to go, let me take care of you."

"Huh?! Really?! I-I'm Nia!"

"Ni-Nia!"

With this, we would not be hungry anymore, and my big sister would not have to suffer anymore! But she seemed to be extremely cautious…

"Don't worry. I'm not your enemy. Would you please tell me your name?"

"… I'm Mea."

She understood that the current situation would not change even if she was being extremely cautious. She decided to cling to our savior for just a little.

“Mea and Nia. All right. Let’s leave this place for the time being —.”

“— What are you doing to those children? Depending on the situation, you might not get away without consequences ….”

A big man appeared and stared at the lady while calling out to her. I did not know what was going on anymore.

“What is it, so suddenly? What an impudent person. I was just helping these children.”

“…”

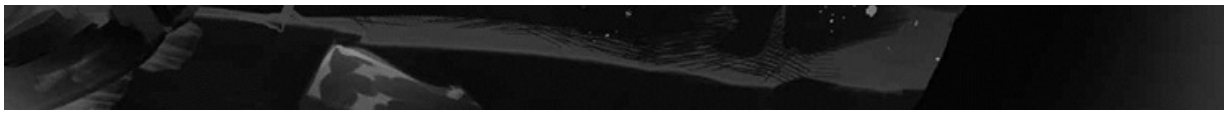
After glancing at the old man’s lifeless body, the man looked toward us and nodded.

“So it seems.”

“Oh, so you believe me? In that case, I’m going to take these children with me.”

“No, we will take custody of those children.”

“… Custody? These children? A slave like you? Please don’t joke around.”



It was too dark to see well at first glance, but looking more closely the big man’s left cheek bore the slave seal just like ours.

“What will do with fleeing slaves anyway?”

Somehow the aura of that lady and the boy changed into something threatening. Scary. Seeing the rapid development, my dependable big sister was as baffled as I did.

“Eh…? Wait a minute, Rena. Why are you being belligerent —?”

The boy standing behind the lady seemed to be even more unreliable…

Chapter 33 – Krebskulm Liberation Front (Part 2)

A night had passed since we came to this city. Let's continue collecting information in this city with Yuu, who logged in a little later—.

"… Not here either, huh?"

"It's not going to be that convenient."

— We continued to search into the night, but… there had been no progress at all! I logged in as soon as I came back from school, so we had been walking around for a few hours now.

"… It would be good if there's at least a slave that goes outside alone. At this point, even a runaway slave would do."

"Another commotion…?"

While I was strolling down the streets of "Belzenstock City" at night with Yuu, we came across a commotion down an alley.

"… What's going on? Is it a slave rebellion? Let's go check it out, Yuu."

"Sure… well, sounds like someone is in distress."

When I pulled Yuu with me into the alley, a man was pinning down an early teen girl of about 14 years old and had his hand raised ready to strike a little girl of about 8 years old —.

"H-help! Please help!!"

“Ah! Shut up you brat!”

— Looking more closely, there were slave seals on both of the girls’ left cheeks. Such a coincidence that they were screaming for help.

“— Okay, I’ll help you.”

Right after I finished my sentence, I decapitated the man who was on top of the girl. His head fell to the ground.

“Eh… this girl severed a guy’s head without an inch of hesitation…”

Yuu is muttering noisily behind my back again, huh? Well, that’s how he is. I’m going to let him be.

“A demon?”

“Well, in a sense, you’re not wrong…”

Yuu was muttering a rude comment about me in response to the smaller girl’s remark, didn’t he?

“Did you say something, Yuu?”

“Huh? N-no! I didn’t say anything!”

As soon as I held my shortsword up to his throat, he reacted as cowardly as usual and begged the question…

“… Well, whatever. By the way, what are your names? If you have nowhere to go, let me take care of you.”

“Huh?! Really?! I-I’m Nia!”

I left the cowardly Yuu alone and turned toward the girls.

Right when I was wondering if there were any runaway slaves, I found these girls. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

“Ni-Nia!”

The younger one, Nia, seemed to have been through many hardships and was staring my way full of expectation.

On the other hand, the older girl seemed wary and was being cautious, which was understandable.

“Don’t worry. I’m not your enemy. Would you please tell me your name?”

“… I’m Mea.”

She might have realized that the only future waiting for her would be misery. Although feeling suspicious, she chose to rely on me.

Since that’s the case, let’s move from such a dark alley.

“Mea and Nia. All right. Let’s leave this place for the time being —.”

“— What are you doing to those children? Depending on the situation, you might not get away without consequences ….”

… When we tried to leave as soon as possible, a big and strict-looking man called out to us.

“What is it, so suddenly? What an impudent person. I was just helping these children.”

“….”

The man glanced at the headless corpse and then turned toward the girls.

“So it seems.”

The man seemed to believe what I said after Nia, the younger girl, nodded in confirmation. He was such a distrustful man.

“Oh, so you believe me? In that case, I’m going to take these children with me.”

“No, we will take custody of those children.”

When I thought we could finally leave that alley, the man did not budge an inch… Is he intended to get in my way…? Huh, wait a minute? Not only his left cheek bore a slave seal, both of his arms had similar seals as well.

As a slave, he has a good physique; and what was his intention directing his intent to kill toward us since a while ago?

“… Custody? These children? A slave like you? Please don’t joke around.”

I decided to provoke him for confirmation. Well, I never thought that I would have a chance to ‘play’ after all.

“What will you do with runaway slaves anyway?”

His murderous intent swelled after my provocation. He seemed to be quite strong indeed.

Ah, I guess I was lucky tonight, eh? It seemed that I would be able to recruit them earlier than expected.

“Eh…? Wait a minute, Rena. Why are you being belligerent —?”

Yuu was being cowardly as always, but I couldn’t stop smirking.

Chapter 34 – Krebskulm Liberation Front (Part 3)

I desperately tried to suppress myself from smirking. In fact, I was trying to show some consideration to the person in front of me who's showing disdain.

"What will I do with runaway slaves, you asked…? I'm not obliged to tell you."

"… Oh? It appears to me that you're ready to die. Don't think I'll go easy on you just because you're a woman. I know you're no ordinary person just from looking at how cleanly that man's head was lopped off."

I readied my shortsword and my fist. He seemed to be a fighter with a fist fighting style. I kept my shortsword sheathed on my waist, and there was no trace of evidence that it was used. Well, it was armed as an extra defense…

"H-hold on a second, Rena!"

Ignoring the pestering Yuu, both of us were probing each other cautiously. We were in a dimly lit narrow alley which did not give us much room for movements. Both of us were being vigilant since we did not know each other's fighting style and abilities.

"If you don't attack, I'll start —."

"— Were you waiting to attack, idiot?!"

"Huh? Father? Why are you here?!"

Oh? An unfamiliar old man hit the big man's head.

“… I don’t mind if you come at me at the same time.”

“… Would you please lay down arms? I’d like to speak with you, so let’s go somewhere else.”

Hmm? This development was going along with my original purpose and less of a hassle… I should put the fighting on hold for the moment…

“… Well, that’s too bad, but let’s do that.”

“Hmm, young people are too impulsive! Hey, you standing over there and you sitting down there, let’s hurry and leave this place!”

“Oh! Ah, y-yes!”

“… U-understood.”

“Oh, that was close.”

Well, leaving Yuu aside, it would be unwise to get those girls that I just saved involved in a fight. I shall pull back for the time being and move so I can achieve my initial goal.

“Huh! Father?! Are you going to ask this gal?!”

“… What if I am?”

“But…!”

“I know. But you also know that we have no other choice, right?”

“Well… Okay, I understand.”

They seem to have a bit of a conflict, eh? Do I have something they need? Is it because we were showing our killing intents earlier?

“Anyway, patrols will get here if we stay here any longer. Follow me.”

“I guess. Let’s go, Yuu.”

“O-okay!”

For the time being, it seemed that they would guide us, so I decided to go along.

“Call me Sage Ron. This is my son, Ronove.”

“… Nice to meet you.”

It was a simple introduction, but that big man — Ronove seemed to be curt. I decided to leave him be and hurry on ahead.

After we left that alley, the old man led us to another alley across the street and went inside the back door of a building in the middle. He ignored the clerk inside the store and proceeded down the stairs in another room to an underground passage. We trudged along the passage for a while and emerged outside the city.

“… I see. It’s a secret passage no one could find.”

“… We’re going aboard a boat.”

The boat was moored on the stream near the exit of the secret passage. We promptly got on the boat.

“We’re going out to sea.”

“What? Are we going to be all right…?”

Yuu looked around in anxiousness. When I was about to nudge him, I heard one of the girls’ stomach growled loudly; it was almost cute. They just escaped a dire situation after all.

“Are you hungry? Would you like to eat this?”

“Really?!”

I took out the food I bought for the information gathering quest yesterday and today from my inventory and then gave it to Nia.

“N-nia! I’m sorry!”

Mea refrained from taking the food I offered them, but she could not hide her hunger. I could hear her stomach growling, just like Nia’s did.

“It’s all right. Here, please take this, Mea.”

I gave them the food with a smile. She replied, “Uh, I’m sorry for troubling you! Thank you!” She bowed in appreciation and started eating.

It was nothing much, though. When I bought them, Yuu complained about how we did not decide to gather information at a food stall, so we went to the bar instead. He then was about to prattle about the template, so I struck his gut with my knee. Well, the circumstances were difficult to explain, but I guess it would be all right. At least it would not cause food poisoning.

“… You’re unexpectedly kind.”

“What do you think I am?”

Ronove seemed to be astonished as if I just did something out of the ordinary.

“… No, nothing.”

“Ha ha ha, this guy is thickheaded, so please don’t take offense.”

“Father.”

“It’s true, isn’t it?”

Hmm, their parent-child relationship appeared to be close… Even though it was a pity we put the earlier fight on hold, but I should restrain myself for the time being.

“Well, it doesn’t matter.”

“Ha ha ha, please pardon him.”

After engaging in various conversations, we finally were out at sea. We rowed our boat for farther. There was a remarkably huge boat hidden behind a reef.

“There it is.”

“That boat?”

“Yeah, that’s right. That’s our — Krebskulm liberation front’s hideout.”

Bingo! It was as I suspected. I was glad they had come to organize a liberation front. With this, my plan would move along quite far.

Chapter 35 – Krebskulm Liberation Front (Part 4)

(Ronove's Point of View)

"Please sit around here."

My old man offered them seats, and that woman complied. The guy standing behind her looked a bit confused, but he followed suit. The little sisters were resting in another room.

"So, what would you like to talk about?"

… Honestly, this woman isn't agitated at all. Normally, wouldn't a woman be wary if some strangers brought her to a secluded place where it would be difficult to escape?

Rather, I felt a little worried, seeing my old man, who was our general commander, walking with these people, who were neither the allies of the city nor liberated slaves. We could only see him from the sidelines. How pitiful…

"Well, you've probably have guessed, we're a dissident organization. Our purpose is to liberate the slaves."

"And you would like our cooperation?"

I have no idea why my old man asked for this woman's cooperation… He should have known that getting her involved would only bring chaos.

"That's right. Well, it's an exaggeration for us to be called rebels or liberators. In reality, we only have very few allies in the city and help the

slaves who rebelled against their masters and escaped. This happens twice or three times a month."

What my old man said is regrettably true. Because of my lack of power to save them, everyone still had to persevere in hardships.

"Former slaves have become a fighting force and aided us in their own way, but there are four skillful bodyguards hired by the lord. If there were only one or two bodyguards, my stupid son would be able to deal with them. But more than that would be impossible. If we don't defeat them, the lord won't acknowledge us."

Indeed. Those hateful traitors had become the lord' dogs completely… They no longer had faith in the true Sea God Krebskulm. If possible, I want to kill them with these hands…!!

"However, if you agreed to lend us a hand, we would have the upper hand. I was observing from behind earlier. My son wouldn't have been able to take you on as his opponent, just like those four bodyguards. You are a skillful fighter after all."

"… I just thought those sisters were taken hostage because there was a woman standing near them."

"Don't make me laugh."

… Argh! My old man was right. Even if I fought her, my defeat would be certain!!

"So what say you? If you agreed to join hands with my son, we could focus on attacking the lord and end this slavery once and for all, without dragging this whole thing into a civil war. If you need a diversion, we, the former slaves will undertake it."

"Hmm …."

The woman was giving a deep consideration. I could not read her at all. What in the world could she be scheming…?

“Of course, we will prepare rewards. Would you please help us somehow?”

My old man bowed his head in request… Even though it pained me to do so, I followed suit.

“… Please, help us.”

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(Rena’s Point of View)

They bowed their heads pleading for my help.

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Quest No. Extra

World Quest: Krebskulm Liberation Front

Client: Sage Ron, Ronove

Mission Details: While the Krebskulm fighters are causing confusion throughout the city, Ronove and we will assault the lord’s mansion, take out the bodyguards, and overthrow the regime.

Rewards: 5 levels worth of experience points, one million G, blessing of the true Sea God Krebskulm.

Warning: World quests are quests that will influence in-game scenarios and future quests. Regardless of its success or failure, it may not be repeated.

Accept quest? Yes / No

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Oh? This would be our first quest because the tutorial guy was killed before we could accept any quests. Moreover, it was a World Quest… The number was extra as well.

I see the outcome is fixed regardless of the success or failure of the quest. However, even if there was no such quest to begin with, it would happen voluntarily. I'm also curious about the blessing of the true Sea God Krebskulm. So let's select "Yes".

"Understood. We shall cooperate."

I informed them so.

"Oh, that's great! We're saved!"

"… You have my thanks as well."

As usual, Ronove was unfriendly and very cautious toward us.
They thanked us for the time being… but really, did I do something to offend him? Could it be because of the killing intent I displayed earlier?

"Well then, it's already late today. We will prepare a room so please have a rest."

"Right then, we'll be in your care."

After our conversation was over, we all left the room.

"… I couldn't keep up with what they were saying at all."

Yuu was feeling down. After entering the room they had prepared for us, it was time for him to log out today.

Chapter 36 – Krebskulm Liberation Front (Part 5)

(Yuu's Point of View)

Things had been tempestuous two days ago. We had walked around the town during the day in order to gather information, and when I had questioned Rena's methods, I got a kick in the stomach. At night, we helped some slave sisters escape, but then a scary man suddenly appeared, creating an ominous mood. And then I ended up cooperating with some opposition group… and it was a world quest… and then Sage Ron told us to wait here so he can contact the places involved, but he has yet to return.

"Ah, good morning…"

"Morning."

I was walking down the hallway and organizing the events of the past two days in my head. That's when it happened… the person I helped two days ago… Nia, suddenly came out of her room. She was a cute girl with pink hair and light green eyes. Her older sister was Mea, who had bright red hair and dark green eyes. They were both so pretty… If this were a light novel, she would probably kiss me, since I was one of the people that helped her and was close to her in age…

Bow.

However, no more words were exchanged… Well, that was reality for you. I knew that all too well.

"Ah! Miss Rena!"

Apparently, she had seen Rena, who had logged in a short while after me, and went running towards her.

“Were you able to sleep well last night?”

“I was!”

… She was so close with Rena already. What was with this difference? Don’t you know that she used someone like you as a shield in order to block an arrow on her first day of playing this game?

… Of course, I wouldn’t say anything about that. It would be rude…

“Oh! You know what! Me and my sister spent yesterday making you a charm from our homeland! It’s to show our gratitude!”

“Ah, is that true? I am very thankful.”

So saying, she handed over a crafty-looking pendant with a strange creature on it to Rena… Hey, what about me? Wasn’t I useful too?

“I’ll put it on you…! Ah.”

Nia had been smiling broadly as she was about to put the pendant on Rena. But then she noticed that Rena was already equipped with a very expensive looking rosario, and she became visibly depressed.

Well, it was prettier and looked more expensive than what had they made…

“What’s the matter…? Ah, this thing? Oh, it’s nothing. Some bishop from a previous town I was in gave it to me.”

Rena said as she tore the thing from her neck. Was it just me, or had it moved…? Also, uh, Rena??? ‘Gave it to you’? That’s not true, is it? You killed and robbed him, didn’t you? I know the truth! And now you’re treating it like this…

“A-a bishop!? Oh, I can’t make you do that!”

“It’s fine. Your pendant is much closer to my tastes than this one.”

“But…”

“… Are you not going to put it on me?”

“Fine! I’ll put it on you!”

Nia had been very hesitant, but once Rena started to fake cry, she was happy to put the pendant on her. … I guess she really was nice, deep down inside…

“How is it? Do I look good?”

“Yes! You’re so pretty, after all!”

Saying so, Rena and Nia looked at each other and smiled…

Ah, it was so precious that I could just die and have no regrets.

“Ah, Miss Rena, that…”

“I heard that you helped make it. Thank you. Does it suit me?”

“Yes! Of course!”

Ah… now Mea was here as well. The sight of three pretty girls smiling at each other… ouch!

“… You’ve been grinning at us for a while now. It’s a little creepy, you know, Yuu?”

“…”

“…”

Ah! Damn it! Damn it! I was having a trip because their preciousness had exceeded the limit! Rena was staring at me with cautious eyes, and Mea

was giving me a painful look as if I was something filthy… as for Nia… oh, she looks clueless. Her purity could not be invaded.

“It-it’s nothing! I’m just happy to see that you all get along!”

“Is that right? It better be…”

Damn, that was close… I suspected that Rena was a bit on the dim side, and I was able to fool her… but Mea’s expression hadn’t changed… it really was painful.

“Ahh, there you are. Since preparations have now been made, will you come to the meeting room?”

That’s when Sage Ron arrived. Apparently, he had finally finished contacting the relevant places. And so Rena and I nodded.

“Well, we better go then.”

“But…”

“Nia.”

“Yes. Do your best, Miss Rena.”

“Of course. I will do what I can to keep you all safe.”

So saying, Rena and I moved to the meeting room… So, what about me? They had no words for me? I do have feelings you know… Reality was so cruel. You couldn’t win without a fight.

Chapter 37 – Krebskulm Liberation Front (Part 6)

The sisters I had helped gave me some kind of hand-made pendant. It was decorated with a strange creature, but as it had better stats than the thing I took from the bishop, I accepted it gladly and put the old one away.

Shortly after, Sage Ron came to call us. We were currently moving towards the meeting room. Though, it seemed like it was mostly about confirming a few final details…

"… People are really staring."

"Hahaha. I guess they've become fond of you?"

Well, it was true that the children had pestered me into playing with them during the last two days… I had been playing with Nia and the more hesitant Mea, and then the children saw us and came forward. With no other choice, I taught them about building blocks and butchering meat. And now they seem to like me.

"It's a good thing, though. It's rare for people to be able to get close to children who have become very guarded."

"Is that so?"

I don't really have any good memories attached to small children, you know? But, well… I don't exactly hate it now.

"This is it."

Apparently, we had arrived. The captain's room was being used for meetings. And so Yuu and I entered as we were told.

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(Ron's Point of View)

"Is everyone here?"

The girl called Rena and the guy called Yuu entered the meeting room. A quick glance showed that everyone present had expressions that showed that they were prepared… How many of them would survive?

"… It seems like it. Now, we will start the war council."

I declared, and we went over the details.

"First, Ronove and Rena over here will be our main force. Before these two take the castle, we will create confusion in the town and stop the guards. This has already been decided."

"… I know who Ronove is, but who is that girl?"

Hmm. Judging by their expression, the others were quite worried.

"Do not fear. She is at least stronger than those four. In fact, she may be just as strong as Ronove, if not stronger."

"Surely not!?"

They were all so surprised. They looked at the girl with wide eyes. Well, what was really surprising was her boldness. She was being stared at by so many people and yet she was more interested in the pendant around her neck…

"So, do not worry. Now, does anyone else have any opinions?"

"I do. I heard that out of the four, two will go out to the town square in order to put on a show with the slaves that rebelled."

“Hmm. In that case… Can I rely on you, Rena? I had initially planned for the two of you to move together…”

“I don’t mind. If anything, it’s easier when I’m alone.”

She really was a reliable girl. If she wasn’t so close to chaos… and even the children like her… it really is too bad…

“So then, are we all in agreement that there will be no changes to our initial plans?”

“Yes!”

Hmm. Seems to be fine? In that case…

“I’m asking just in case, is there anyone here who has skills like Leadership and Encouragement? While the advance party is causing chaos, I want someone to give a speech to the fighters…”

Everyone remained silent. Perhaps I was asking for too much…

“… If that’s what you want, I have both skills.”

… Does this girl have no limits…? I thought she was just a Scout or an Assassin type?

“… I see. Then can I rely on you? Thankfully, the town square is closer than the lord’s house. So it won’t be a problem if you’re a little late.”

“Yes, that’s fine.”

“Thank you… Now, if anyone had anything to say… no, I see that no one does. Well, the meeting will end then. We start tomorrow!!”

“Aye!”

“We will fight at the Krebskulm Liberation Front in order to be free!!”

“Aye!”

This might be the end of the long age of subordination… No, it will be. At last, in our generation… From now on, this mark on my left cheek will once again be a symbol of freedom and speed, not hurrying!

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Things had likely been planned long before the meeting, as it was more of a final confirmation. As for details such as how they would cause the chaos, we were not told. We were just collaborators and outsiders.

Well, my role was just to kill two of their best, so I didn't really need to be told anything.

"This concludes today's meeting. Dismissed!"

Sage Ron declared, and all of the people that had gathered began to leave the room.

During the meeting, they had decided that since I had the Leadership and Encouragement skill, that I was to give a speech…? These skills not only strengthened your allies, but also affected the NPCs and quests as well, which was quite interesting.

"Hmm. What should I do?"

"Did you say something, Rena?"

"No, it's just that they asked me to give a speech, right? But my voice isn't really loud enough to reach the whole town…"

Yuu reacted to my mutterings, and so I just told him the truth.

"Ah, then I can help you! There's a skill that management put in as a joke! It's party magic called <Mic>."

“… Can I ask you why you have such a skill?”

Really, why did he have a skill like that? I didn’t even know of its existence.

“Uh, I… wanted to inspect…”

“Ahh…”

I had forgotten about it, but Yuu was a part of a group known as the ‘verification team.’ Did they inspect mystery skills and the utility of lesser known skills? Well, it was commendable work…

“While it wasn’t all the way, it’s rather impressive that you were on the frontlines while solo.”

“Well… I was constantly casting powerful buffs on myself. Besides, even skills like these can be useful when combined with other skills. I suppose you could say it was with brute force…”

… I see. As someone who inspected them, he knew a lot about their features… Well, in any case, it would help greatly.

“Alright, I’ll be expecting your support tomorrow.”

“Yes! You can count on me! This time, I will be more useful!”

Why was he so enthusiastic? I hadn’t said anything about him being useless… Did something happen?

Well, it hardly mattered. It was time to prepare for tomorrow.

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It looked like the advance party had simultaneously attacked the guard house and the slave market. I was currently in a park that was between the outside gate and the town square. Surprisingly, there were a lot of underground entrances and exits that led into the town. From what I heard, they were made over several generations, before the landowner last

changed. And now the armed former slaves were using them to gather together… Hehe. Could I be blamed for getting excited?

Well, I was to now stand on a stage and say various things… But I really wasn't used to doing this…

This morning, Nia had asked me to stay behind. But I promised them that I would do my best for their sake. And so I will. I intend to keep that promise.

"Alright, Yuu. If you will be so kind."

"Yes, leave it to me. I'll use the <Party Magic: Mic> and the <Dumbass magic: Din> to carry your voice throughout the town."

… That really was a strange lineup, huh? Oh, well. More importantly, what should I talk about…

When I look around, I see groups of people who have the mark on their left cheek… They had suddenly popped out all over the town, which had been a surprise… The residents were looking at them with fear… that was it.

I decided what to say and got up onto the stage. I then looked at the eyes of the slaves… no, former slaves.

"… All of you. Look around."

I wasn't used to this, so momentum and brute force through the skills would have to do.

"… Through the work of your comrades, the town is now in chaos."

A speech? The closest thing I've experienced is introducing myself as a new student in school. It could not be helped.

"… I will say it again. Look around. With what kind of eyes are the people looking at you?"

Oh? The old man was here? The one who gave me candy during our first day on the boat. He was looking at me with shock.

"… Are they looking at you as objects or tools? Do they still not see you as humans…? No, look at their expressions of fear and surprise!"

The attack from the advance party and the sudden appearance of these people with the mark on their left cheek… in other words, slaves… This was a rebellion on a large scale, and the residents saw them as a threat.

"They don't see you as tools that are rebelling… but as people. People who are a threat!!"

Old man. Sorry, but I'm going to use you now… Besides, that candy was disgusting.

"…Old man. You were kind to me when I first came to this town. And yet even you saw slaves as objects. Yet what about now? That is not the same look in his eyes!"

Don't look at the ground so much, old man. Look up and burn this into your memory… The moment that the tools bit back…! Hehe. This is so exciting…!!

"… You are all people!"

Shout what they'd want to hear and make exaggerated gestures. That's how you do it, right?

"… The residents here have admitted it without knowing!"

Ahh, it was starting to get harder.

"This fight is not a war or a rebellion or even revenge! It is a fight to take back your dignity as humans!!"

To be honest, I didn't even read what was written on the official website. I didn't have all the enthusiast knowledge that Yuu did. Nor did I know anything about the history or culture of this town. And yet here I was,

shouting in an exaggerated way. It was hard to prevent myself from laughing, really…

"… Listen to me."

And so it was time to wrap things up. Obviously, it was nothing compared to their long history of being abused, but I couldn't last any longer. I had to end things forcefully.

And so I unsheathed the blade on my waist and carved the mark into my own left cheek…the mark that used to mean slavery.

"!!!"

At that moment, everyone present looked on in shock. Some had their mouths hanging open with dumbfounded expressions… Why are you screaming, Yuu?

"… This mark is not about slavery, but about freedom across the sea!"

Then I spread out my arms.

"… This mark is about being so fast that no storm can stop us!"

Here, I held my hands together in front of my chest.

“And it’s a symbol of freedom!!”

Ah, I can see that some have started to cry. It seems that my <Acting> skill that evolved from my <Camouflage> skill, and the <Encouragement> skill are really doing their job… I’m relieved, as this has all been very embarrassing.

“Some of your comrades are already fighting for your freedom! In order for us to be free, we need to follow them and make it happen in a short amount of time!!”

This notion that their comrades were out there bleeding had the right effect. Those who were shocked or crying snapped out of it and their faces became serious.

“The time is now! It’s the moment for the decisive battle!”

It was time for the climax.

“Now, run! Run like the…”

What I said after that, was it the Tartars… currently known as Mongolians… who used to say it? Run faster than an arrow! Well, it was what I wanted to say, but doubted it would get through to these NPCs. Besides, I had something else that was well-suited…

“… Krebskulm on your left cheek!!”

It was here that I raised my right fist to the side of my face while bringing my left hand to my stomach.

——Uaaaaah!!!!!!

When I did, the town was filled with the sounds of shouting. My ears hurt so much that for a moment I wanted to kill them all… Yes, I'm aware that I'm the one who caused it.

The Krebskulm was part of their faith. And so I said '…like' instead of '… faster than.' And it seemed to be effective… Well, I'm just going to say it was. Otherwise it wouldn't have been worth the embarrassment…

"Huh? Rena, your ears look red…"

Such were the rude words that came from Yuu's mouth as I came down from the stage. And so I punched him in the stomach before running through the crowd and towards the town square.

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I ran toward the town square.

“Stop!”

“You bastard!”

… I suppose it was because it was in the middle of the town, but everyone seemed to be equipped with spears here. Not that I cared…

“Hmph!”

I cut off the head of the first soldier that blocked my path, before grabbing the next spear that thrust out towards me, pulling it back as I slashed the wielder’s throat with my sword.

“Buegh!”

I was able to cut out specific pieces now in a short amount of time. It could just be me, but I seem to have improved greatly with handling weapons?

“Damn!”

I threw scraps of metal at their heads and throats when there was an opening, and jumped over the waterway and landed on the shoulders of the soldier on the opposite side, while stabbing his head with my shortsword. Then I jumped away and crushed the head of the next soldiers as I landed. Numerous spears would thrust towards me, but I dodged them while

running on the walls of a house and throwing special explosives that burned even in water, into their midst.

“Hey!”

“Re-retreat!’

I ignored the screams as I moved away, jumping from roof to roof… Don’t worry, it wasn’t enough gunpowder to kill. In fact, wounding instead of killing was a good way to chip away at the enemy’s resources. It’s the basics of warfare. But more importantly, the slaves weren’t watching, so it was time to cut down the residents who got in my way and make my way to the town square.

And then I arrived…

“…Hey, I’ve been waiting for you, Ronove… Who are you?”

Hmm? This must be the bodyguard that Sage Ron was talking about. And there is someone standing next to him. He did say something about how they planned to teach us a lesson today. Bodies of decapitated people with the mark on their left cheek were scattered all around them.

“…Are you curious about them?”

“…Yes, I am.”

What was with this careless way of cutting? The most you could do was make balls out of them now. You have to cut neatly, into large blocks…

“Sorry, they’re all dead, you know? Of course, by my own hand. I wish you could have heard it too! While you aren’t Ronove, their screams…”

“… I see.”

It wasn’t like I hated hearing people scream, but I didn’t exactly like it either. You can just listen to it when you want to. And so when he said that he wished I could have heard it, I could say nothing but ‘I don’t really feel like it now…’

“Are you angry? But these are tools and not humans. So I can do whatever I want…”

“… I think that’s enough idle chatter. Can’t you hear the chaos in the town? Hurry up and kill this girl so we can go to the landlord.”

“What!? Don’t be like that! It’s not every day you face someone like this! I need to see her face as it twists in…”

… His legs were completely open to attacks as I activated <Gust> before accelerating all at once and thrusting my sword at his neck.

“Woah!? Not bad at all!”

“… Be careful.”

Hmm. The talkative one had a large hatchet, while the quiet one had a halberd. And while I had used projectiles in my attack as well, they were all blocked.

“… Well, you’re still going to die.”

“So you are angry!”

I didn’t know what he was rambling about, but it was very annoying. And so I lunged towards his mouth with my blade. Just as he tried to block it with his hatchet, I knocked over his legs and unleashed a roundhouse kick into his stomach. At the same time, I tossed a gunpowder ball towards the quiet one.

“Gah!”

“Huh!?”

Just as the explosion staggered him, I swung down towards the talkative one in a follow up attack…

“Aaaarghh!?”

… His hands were on the ground behind him as his foot came up, as if he were going to do a backflip. His toes slammed into my wrist, blocking the attack, and so I threw the shortsword up into the air instead. And then I grabbed his ankle and threw him towards the quiet one. Of course, I sent some gunpowder balls with him.

There was an explosion, and while they were hit by it, they were back on their feet in an instant. It was not very effective at all, I thought, as I caught my blade.

"… You really are a strong one."

"That's what I've been telling you…"

While they were much weaker than the knight captain, they weren't scrubs either… Perhaps I could experiment with some new medicine.

Once I decided this, I injected myself with a dose from a small needle. Then I roared so loud that the stone pavement seemed like it would crack. And with Inoue's assistance, I slammed my fist into the silent one's jaw… smashing it. The impact caused him to go flying into the air, but I barely noticed as I rotated in a half circle while using my right foot as an axis. I wanted to cut off the talkative one's arm, but… he dodged me at the last moment, and all I got to take off was a few fingers.

"Buuugh!?"

"Gguh!"

I sent out some poison needles as a follow up attack, but the talkative one blocked them all. However, the quiet one, who was still in the air, had been hit by all of them, so I wasn't too disappointed.

"Y-you bastard… and you even have the chaos affinity."

"Chaos…? Ah."

I suppose they were talking about the karma level? It was true that my karma was quite low… but then again, I didn't even know what the average

was. However, mine was still below zero.

“… Shouldn’t you be on our side? What madness has caused you to be over there?”

“Well, I suppose it’s because this side looks like it would be more fun?”

What was he going on about? Chaos this and chaos that. It has nothing to do with that. I am just doing as I please.

“Then why does it matter to you how I play with my own toys!”

“Hah… Wait, you were playing? While making this huge mess over here?”

It really was a mystery to me. What could you do with them, if you decapitated them so badly…?

“Ha! You do ask strange questions, don’t you? People eat when they are hungry, and they sleep when they are sleepy. And they will bed a woman when they have the desire… it’s the same thing!! If anything, shouldn’t you be applauding me for taking it out on tools instead of real people!?”

No, that wasn’t what I was asking about… Oh, the quiet one has regained consciousness and is getting back up. I think I better send him some more poison needles.

“You love it too. Blood. You love to scatter organs and hear the cries of your victims! Otherwise, you would not have fallen to this degree!”

I didn’t hate the sight of blood, but I didn’t love it either. Most importantly, it wasn’t very sanitary, and so it was better to avoid splattering it everywhere.

Besides, decapitation was how I studied the most efficient way to destroy. This kind of ‘playing’ that was a dead end was just… I preferred toys that lasted long.

“And so you should…”

“How long is this going to take?”

It was very boring… I would have more fun listening to Yuu talk about his extensive knowledge of anime.

And so while I threw poison needles towards the silent one -well, it might have been unnecessary, as the previous needles were starting to take effect, and his consciousness was hazy- I thrust my sword at the boring one.

“Gggaah!!”

While he finally stopped talking, I could see that he still wanted to say something. However, I had had enough of it, and would end things here.

I moved in before he could take another step, and smashed the handle of the sword into his mouth. When I saw his teeth shatter, I went in to break his nose with my fist. He started to fall back, I moved behind him and kicked upwards into his lower back. As his body bent in half and shot up into the air, I grabbed his arm in order to stop him. And without a second’s pause, I swung down with my shortsword and cut off all four of his limbs.

“GAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!!!!!!”

This man talked too much, and we were just not on the same wavelength. He was also boring, and for someone who liked screaming so much, his own scream was very disgusting. He had nothing going for him at all…

At least the silent one had been amusing to me, that is, when he was bleeding from all the holes that the poison needles made in his face… Oh, was he already dead? Well, at least now I knew how effective the poison was.

“Y-yooooooooou!!!”

In any case, since they were making an example of all these people, perhaps I should do the same to them? The silent one would look very unsightly if I just swapped out all of his limbs.

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHH!! Do you think you’re going to get away with this!?”

“… You’re being much too loud. Here, drink some of this.”

“What are you doing!? Stttoooppp———glug!!??!?”

As he was starting to hurt my ears, I stuffed his mouth with a bottle of poison that quickly flowed down and burned his throat, robbing him of the ability to talk.

“…! …!!”

Now that I had some peace and quiet, it was time to get back to work. First, I used some low grade potions to stop the wounds from bleeding, then I tore up the clothes and rolled them onto their faces.

“… You are now my property. A toy. Alright?”

As he looked at me with fear, I took what he said was proof that they were tools—the mark that was once a mark of slavery, and burned it into his back with my blade, which I had heated with fire magic.

“…”

… Apparently, the pain had caused him to lose consciousness. I could no longer enjoy his reaction. What a failure…

“Well, as long as he is kept here, someone will see him. So it’s fine.”

Now, it was time to go to the landlord’s house!

Chapter 40 – Krebskulm Liberation Front – Broken Army (Part 3)

(Landlord's Point of View)

"Hurry up and kill him!!"

With panic in my voice, I desperately railed against my pathetic subordinates.

"You are being ridiculous, my lord."

"Yes, this is Ronove. It's only because he is unable to go all out in the town that Yan and I can manage to attack him while surrounded by guards. If anything, we're lucky to be able to keep him in check right now."

"I know that! But isn't it your job to do something about it!?"

Damn! I underestimated them, thinking that making an example of the slaves would mean we would have no trouble for some time!

And it was as we let our guard down, that they suddenly appeared all over the town. And now I was pushed into a corner where there were no secret passages or escape routes.

"Damn! Where were all these armed slaves hiding!?"

How was this possible?! Well, I had no choice but to believe that they had been hiding underground! And that speech that suddenly echoed around the

town after the attack!! It was a girl's voice, and it roused nearly all of the slaves in the town! How loathsome!!

"… Hmph. You seem very nervous?"

"Nonsense! And you haven't been attacking enough! The remaining two will be here any minute now. And that will be the end of you!"

But weren't they quite late!? I thought they were just showing the slaves off in the town square? Were they playing? Were their bad habits getting the best of them? At a time like this…

"… Now, what will happen…?"

"… What are you trying to say?"

"Hmph. I have nothing to say to a traitor."

"I see."

"Ah, your crime of selling my younger sister to that hideous man… you'll pay for it."

He's still angry about that!? Way to hold a grudge!! Didn't I give him back her bones!? I just played a little too hard!!

"In fact, you yourself…"

"Yan. You're talking too much. Just kill him already. And it's true that he chose Ronove, not you."

"Wenen… tsk. Fine!"

"Yes! Hurry up and finish this!"

If we take too long here, the annoying slaves might start flowing in… Just the thought of it makes my skin crawl!!

"Don't think badly of me, Ronove. Here, you will now be…"

“… You haven’t finished things yet?”

—Roll.

… Huh? What just happened? Where was Yan’s head? What is this thing that rolled towards my feet?

“That was quick…”

“Well, only slowpoke and blabbermouth were there.”

Who the hell was this woman? Did she kill Yan? But more importantly, when did she get in here?

“! Gu-guards! Seize her! You can do as you want as long as you capture her!”

“So, what do you think?”

“You can have the last person, I don’t mind.”

“… This is bad.”

Last person? Were slowpoke and blabbermouth…!?

“Alright, one… two… three…”

Thud, thud! Roll!

… Who is she? Why can’t she be stopped? How can someone so pretty just cut people’s heads off without a change in expression?

“… Ronove. What is that monster?”

“That’s what I want to know. More importantly, are you ready?”

“… I guess this is the end of me. There is no way that I can defeat you one on one.”

“That’s true. And so… just die.”

And like that, Wenen’s head was also destroyed by Ronove’s fist… Was this the end? To my glory… no, even my life was in danger!!

“I finished over here as well—what are you doing?”

“… I was bored, so I was experimenting with some new medicine. Is that a problem?”

… What a terrible thing I have just witnessed. The girl had poured a milky liquid onto the decapitated soldier. Smoke rose and his face disappeared… She called that an experiment? And without a change of expression? Even now, she was pouring liquid onto a different soldier, which melted his lips together.

“Hmmm. This one isn’t as effective? It barely melts the surface.”

“… Stop that. You’ve done enough.”

“Huh? Ah, yes. After all, you’re already finished. Now it’s just the landlord.”

“That’s not what I… no, nevermind. Yes, the landlord.”

Huh!? Do-don’t come any closer! You devil!!

“Wa-wait a minute! Spare me! I’ll give you anything! Money and titles! Please!!”

I abandoned my pride and reputation and begged for my life. Anyone would do the same if they saw someone cut off people’s head without hesitation as they counted, and then used the survivors for experiments. It wasn’t just me…!!

“It’s a bit late…”

“Pl-please! Please…!!”

I didn’t want to die yet, and if I had to die, I wanted to do it while retaining my human form!!

“… I don’t mind, as long as you give me the thing that is important to you.”

“Hey, you can’t just do that…!”

“But you can’t kill the landlord immediately, can you? So I don’t see what the problem is.”

“That’s true, but…”

“Re-really!?”

It was a miracle! The devil was going to have mercy on me. I would give her as much money as she wanted. It was all useless if I was dead, anyway.

“Gold? Titles? I’ll give you anything you want, but I want a guarantee!”

I knew what kind of things people asked for. And so I took out a contract scroll before she could change her mind.

“What’s that?”

“Once a contract is written and signed, the neutral god, the ‘colorless, transparent sky god’ will ensure that you cannot go against it.”

“Huh… Well, that’s quite useful, isn’t it?”

She said, and then signed it without hesitation. Yes! I did it! Fool!! I can do anything as long as I have my life! That means I just need to bide my time until I can get my revenge!

“So? What is it that you want?”

“Let me see. First, the people in the town square that have this mark on their left cheek…”

What? Scatter my gold? Did she want me to apologize and make up for all the torment I had inflicted on them?

That had already been in my future the moment that I lost. Bowing my head to mere tools… it's the height of humiliation, but it's nothing in exchange for my life…

"…You will bow with your head on the ground, naked. I want your dignity as a human being."

… What? What did she just say?

"Yes. And since you are offering your dignity as a human being, you cannot apologize with something as lofty as the languages of humans, understand?"

Understand? What the hell is she talking about? I was unable to process it. And so I racked my brain in order to think of a way to escape…

"Oh? It's pretty flashy when it takes effect, isn't it?"

… In the corner of my vision, the contract scroll began to shine. And in despair, everything became dark…

Chapter 41 – Krebskulm Liberation Front – Broken Army (Part 4)

(Yuu's Point of View)

"Ha… ha…"

"Sorry. It's just a little farther."

I said as I held the hand of a young girl who had been a slave, and ran. She was likely too tired to keep going, but there was nothing I could do. Our pursuers would catch up to us.

"Stop!"

"Tsk! There they are!"

After nearly fainting from Rena punching me in the stomach, I used the chaos in order to help the former slaves escape through the underground passages… This girl had been rescued by some pervert noble. Though, it seemed that she had not been a slave for long, and had not been hurt yet, but as the mansion had been very far from any of the underground entrances, we were still running.

"Sorry. You must hate being touched by someone like me. But it's not far now, okay?"

She nodded without saying anything. Seeing that, I picked her up so that my arms were fixed like a chair.

“Chase them!”

“You faulty tools!”

Our pursuers brandished their weapons above their heads as they jumped out. It would be hard to dodge their attacks…

“<Weed>”

And so I used the <Net Magic> to make weed grow at their feet, and bind their entire bodies… I could hear creepy laughter coming from somewhere, but I ignored it.

“<Torches and Pitchforks>”

I immediately followed it with the <Net Magic: Torches and Pitchforks> in order to burn the weed and cause repeated damage while slowing them down… Memes and silly images popped out of nowhere as part of the effects, but I ignored them!

“<Frozen Account>”

The grass burned up and created walls of smoke, allowing me to escape towards the water ways, which I also froze with <Net Magic>… I could see images and audio from alt accounts that were making terrible apologies, but I ignored them!

“!”

“There they are!”

“Block the road!”

It was just as I thought that I had shaken them off. Guards were suddenly blocking the path up ahead. They must have predicted where I would go. While it had been a shortcut, I didn’t know the place as well as they did… It could not be helped.

“<Dumbass Magic: Break the Speed Limit>!!”

While it was only for a brief moment, there was an explosive acceleration of speed and I passed… trampled over, the soldiers… I could hear sounds like, ‘Squeak! Boom! Woo-woo! Stop right there!’ which I think was supposed to be the sounds of an accident and siren. And also a police officer. But I ignored them!!

“Bastard!”

“Wait right there!”

“<Toxic Twitter>!”

As I ran them over, I activated another <Net Magic> in order to slow them down.

A group of people wearing white bodysuits and with anime icons stuck on their heads suddenly surrounded the guards and shouted things like, ‘Do you really think it’s okay to do this?’ ‘There are some people who can’t run!’ ‘I caught a pocket monster!’ ‘You can make more money working in an office, and it’s safer! Why don’t you study for that?’ ‘Isn’t she cute?’ The provocations went on and on… It was horrifying, and so I ignored them!!

“Hey, those people…”

“Don’t look at them!”

I was one to talk, since I had brought them out. But this was clearly bad for children. And so I ran while keeping them out of her vision.

“There they are!”

“Don’t let them get away!”

Shit! There really were so many of them. I knew this was the district where the nobles lived, but there didn’t have to be so many!

“Tsk! I didn’t want to use it in front of her, but…hah! <Lewd Brat>!”

<Otaku Magic>… it was magic that was once popular among otaku, and allowed you to summon a girl who had an insolent expression…

“You trash! Aren’t you embarrassed?”

“Tsk. You’re just a brat!”

“Don’t disrespect your elders, okay!?”

“Ahhh, I’m scared!”

“You’ll lose no matter what!”

—She succeeded in antagonizing them…

“…”

The glare of the girl I was helping was painful! She was looking this way without any expression! She might as well just insult me!

“Uhhh… <Overwhelmingly Buffed – Enchantment: Accelerate>!!”

I activated the <Normie Magic>. And then a bunch of smart types, the people who use facebook but not twitter, and make posts like ‘overwhelming growth through pushing oneself,’ ‘partnership through physical thinking,’ ‘reliable boss, kind senpai, cute kouhai’ etcetera… came out and started talking about how wonderful their lives were. And while I wanted to ignore them, they doubled my buffs and enchantments, and with my enhanced AGI, I was able to dash on ahead…!!

“… Why are you crying?” The girl asked.

“It’s nothing…” I replied.

Like that, I continued to run through the town until we reached the entrance… It had been such a long road to get here. And I somehow managed to receive damage from my own skills… It was ridiculous, but I was the one who had acquired them…

“See? You just have to follow these people now.”

“…”

“Thank you for bringing her.”

“Not at all. Now I just have to…”

As I tried to leave, the girl grabbed my sleeve. What now?

“… What’s the matter?”

“I, uh… thank you for saving me. My name is Rina… so, uh… I’ll thank you properly next time!”

“That’s fine. I’ll be looking forward to it, okay?”

“Ye-yes!”

How’s that? I can be useful too! Did you see that, Rena?

“Well, I must be going now. Can I leave her in your hands?”

“Yes, don’t worry.”

“Goodbye!”

The girl… Rina. I left her to the freed people and I ran back through the town. I didn’t expect to live like a light novel protagonist… but if I could help even a few people within a game, I would do my best!

<Your Karma has gone up.>

I heard the announcement as I ran to my next destination.

Chapter 42 – First Part Cleared

—Uaaaaaaah!!!

Cries of triumph erupted in the town square. I listened to them as I spoke to the former landlord.

“Now, I will spare you your life, just as promised. So I hope you’ll do your best to make an apology that will be accepted?”

“Aaarrh? Ooooaa?”

According to the contract scroll, he would not be able to speak properly until the people… the former slaves… accepted his apology. And it was like this that we came out into the town square.

“Ah! It’s the War Maiden!”

“And the bastard landlord is with her!”

… War Maiden? Were they talking about me? Was it because of my speech? Genocider and now War Maiden… I give up. It doesn’t really matter what people call me.

“Everyone.”

I called. It was a little unsettling how quiet the town square suddenly became.

“The former landlord wishes to apologize for everything he’s done up until now. Please listen to him.”

I said as I led him up onto the stage, and then left him there.

“Now…?”

“But if the War Maiden says so…”

“If we only have to listen…”

They said. And with expressions of rage and hate, they watched as the landlord took off all of his clothes and bowed with his head on the ground… It was rather difficult to watch…

“Woooo! Aughee!? O! Ooo!!”

Silence filled the town square. It was even more quiet than before… You could hear the shifting of clothes. It made you believe that time itself had stopped.

“A-are you mocking us!?”

“What does the bastard think he is doing!?”

“Eww!!”

“I don’t think the women should see this!”

“… Why? Landlord?”

After a moment, the place was filled with angry cries and screams. Most of them were so angry that it felt like they could kill with their eyes. But I could also hear the groans of despair from those who sympathized with the landlord. It seemed all but guaranteed that he would be like this until he died, without ever having his apology accepted.

Well, they could just use him as decoration. While he would not be able to do much now, I was quite sure that, had he been able to talk, the people would have beaten him to death immediately. Still, this was hardly a pretty sight.

“… Was all of this really necessary?”

“No. Eighty percent was just for fun.”

Ronove and I talked quietly amidst the shouting.

“You…”

“Well, now there is no one left among the people who want to support him. Am I wrong?”

“…”

Nobles… Especially if they are landlords, required power that cannot be seen, such as reputation and dignity. Even if his apology was somehow accepted, he would not be able to return to being a lord, much less a noble. The central government would likely abandon him.

Besides, he wasn’t really human anymore. He was a crying object.

“Well then, shall we get going?”

“…”

Don’t you think it is time? The revolution has ended. There was less exciting work to do after the battle, like unification and working out how to make the central government recognize this assembly… it was all important, but not his job. Besides…

“You want to kill me, don’t you?”

“… You’re too dangerous.”

“Am I? Maybe you’re right.”

“I don’t even understand why you cooperated… But I’m sure that it wasn’t for the right reasons.”

Well, it’s true that I just wanted to torment these nobles who hated me. It was a game where I got to make them taste defeat and humiliation. Indeed, I never seriously thought that I wanted to help people.

“You are one with chaos and have no human attributes. I cannot accept the idea of you taking credit for this freedom movement and becoming influential in the government.”

“Oh, how disappointing.”

Still, I had fun doing it. So getting no reward didn’t bother me too much.

“We are finally free… It would be a pity to have all of that ruined from the inside by someone as evil as you.”

Oh, my. I’m being called evil now? I don’t recall doing anything that bad…??

“I understand that I must look very shameless, saying this to someone who helped us. You can hate me as much as you…”

“Oh, how long is this going to take? Can you just get to the point?”

His excuses were very long. Perhaps he did feel a measure of guilt over erasing my great contributions to the cause. But I’ve been made to wait from the moment I met him.

“I too… have been wanting to ‘play’ with you. I’ve been restless for a while now.”

“…”

The four that were said to be highly skilled were not able to satisfy me at all. But he was from the landlord’s mansion and seemed to be holding back because he was in town. Yes, this sounded very fun indeed.

“So… where do you have to be to use all of your power?”

“… Come with me.”

He said as he turned his back to me and started walking. It was a place outside of town and close to the sea…

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Quest No. Extra

World Quest: Krebskulm Liberation Front – First Part Cleared

Client: Sage Ron, Ronove

Request details: Accompany Ronove during the attack on the landlord's mansion while the Krebskulm fighters are causing chaos throughout the town. Defeat the landlord's guards and make his defenses crumble.

> In order to prevent future trouble, defeat Ronove at his best and survive.

<This route has opened up because your karma level is vastly lower than usual.>

Rewards: 5 levels worth of experience points, one million G, blessing of the true Sea God Krebskulm.

Warning: World quests are quests that will influence in-game scenarios and future quests. Regardless of its success or failure, it may not be repeated.

Do you accept?

Yes/No

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… Oh? I see. A diverging route… So this is where the karma starts to affect things. My low karma was the reason that he was so hostile from the moment that we met.

In any case, let's push 'Yes' and follow Ronove for now.

Chapter 43 – First Part Cleared (Part 2)

(Ronove's Point of View)

I took the creepy girl with me and left the town. I might die today… And even if I do win, I doubted I would be that satisfied, just because I killed some crazy woman…

"It's pretty far then?"

"… Yes. I want to keep the casualties at a minimum."

I had gone out into the town square and seen Ziggy and Saram's–the quiet one and the loud one– bodies, and then I was sure of it. This woman is too dangerous….

"You worry too much…"

To be honest, even though I knew that she wouldn't attack me yet, I was scared to show my back to her.

"… I don't want to give you any weapons."

"Oh…"

In a flash, all the hairs on my body seemed to stand on end. I knew that I was right. This person… without regret or hesitation… she would involve and use those around her.

"We're almost there."

“I see.”

We left the town, walked through a forest path and reached our destination. There was a steep cliff up ahead and the forest was behind us. Below, I could see the raging waves of the sea. You would not survive if you fell down there.

“Here?”

“Yes.”

“It really is secluded…”

There was nothing but the trees behind us.

“It is here where I can kill you for sure.”

“You must really hate me then?”

“I don’t hate you.”

“Is that so? Surprising…”

Aye, I didn’t hate her. Ever since we met, I saw that she was liked by children, including those two sisters. Also, she was rather ideal in appearance… However…

“I… as the next Krebskulm high priest, have a responsibility to slay you who are a devil that has been taken by chaos.”

And then I raised my fists. Upon seeing this, she unsheathed her shortsword and then held a throwing weapon in her other hand.

“I will not forgive you… the force of chaos.”

“… I’m not sure what you’re going on about. But I just want to ‘play.’”

That was the last thing she said as the conversation ended. Slowly, our will to kill grew stronger…

"… Shhhh!"

—I dodged the needle that came flying with minimal movement, and then lunged towards her. The shortsword thrust right between my eyebrows, but I blocked it with the back of my hand and sent my other fist into her jaw—but she leaned back into a backflip, dodging the attack and slamming her foot into my jaw instead.

"Gggbbbaa!"

While I could barely see, I jumped back in order to avoid a follow up attack. Her sword cut through the air where I had been standing a second ago, and then an iron ball shot towards me at a frightening speed.

"Hmph!"

Unable to dodge it, I blasted it with my right fist and stood my ground. That's when more long needles came flying.

"Oh? Did I get that wrong?"

"No, you didn't."

I really could not understand this woman. And that was why I had to kill her no matter what. If left to her own devices, she would become the enemy of order, not just in this country, but the whole world.

"Now it's my turn to go."

"You don't have to announce it."

Then I won't hesitate! The ground cracked under my feet as I shot towards her with tremendous speed. I watched her surprised expression while unleashing <Palm Heel – Wave Pattern> at her long tail!!

"Gah…!!"

She flew backwards as blood sloshed out of her mouth. As a follow up attack, I unleashed <Flying Fist – Waterfall> at her…but then I heard a

‘bang!!’ from the direction she had gone, and then a iron ball shot towards me at such a speed that my eyes couldn’t follow it.

“Uuu-uuuuuaaaaa!!!!”

And so I attacked it with <Bluish Black Five Chain.> A terrible explosion sounded, liquid and smoke seeped out of the destroyed sphere. It was clearly bad for me.

“!?”

It was just as I was moving back to avoid it, I felt the impact of something hitting me from behind, and I was blown away. Apparently, she had moved around me while I was distracted with the iron ball… Long needles were neatly lodged into the back of my right arm and leg joints… And judging by how weak I was starting to feel, they must have been poisoned. She just never lets her guard down, huh…?

“… Didn’t you know? You should never hit a woman in the stomach.”

“Unfortunately, I don’t see you as a woman…”

“I see. That’s a hurtful thing to say.”

She said without any expression on her face… Perhaps she had never experienced what it’s like for a man to see her as a woman. While her face might be beautiful, inside, she was… well, it was clear that most men at least had the ability to escape the danger.

“Hmph!”

“Shh!”

“Hyaah!!”

“Ha!”

We had enough of talking, and it was time to go back to killing. I blocked her thrust with a backhand, jumped over her leg swipe, turned my head as

she tried to crush my eyes, and when she slashed at my throat, I lunged forward while dodging it, simultaneously unleashing <Fist Strike – Great Strength>…

"… Pervert."

She took a step back, grabbed me by the wrist, and threw me over her shoulder. I had to cross my arms above my head as she stomped over it.

"Gaaaagghhh!!'

I somehow managed to stand up and blow her into the air, but… what was this incredible strength!? How could it exist in such a frail-looking body!! When I looked down, I saw that the ground had sunk around us… It was a good thing that we had left the town.

"Hehe… I guess you're quite heavy?"

"… Are you trying to make me mad?"

"I was joking…"

"… Really, why would you want to anger your 'playmate'?"

"I said it was a joke… but this has also been going on for too long."

And so I decided to use my trump card…

Chapter 44 – First Part Cleared (Part 3)

The vibe emitted by Ronove took a sudden change… I feel like I have seen this somewhere before…

“<Body Enhancement – Storm Sea Dragon>”

To prevent the same thing from happening again, I attacked with iron balls and poisonous needles with the <Boulder Throw> skills, <Meteor> and <Comet>, but he was somehow able to dodge them all, even if barely.

“<Physical Revitalization – Meat Slicing and Bone Fracturing>”

In that case, I’ll get close up and wield the <Quadruple Flaming Slash>, but I was counter-attacked with the same skill… Could it be that? I couldn’t harm him during the reinforcement process?

“<High Enchantment – Sacred Ocean>”

Anything beyond this would be too dangerous. A clergyman, not the captain of knights, might be able to get through him; a poison attack strategy is futile.

“Hah!”

The iron balls were set up with explosives, and I threw it with all my strength using the rock-bombarding skills and it flew off like a bomb- however, the opponent just punched it away; I didn’t expect such strength…

“<Oath – I am the hunter for evil heretics>”

I struggled to inflict maximum damage… but it seemed useless so I had to resort to this…

“<Oath – I am the leader of devout believers>”

I was unable to hinder the opponent who has completed the reinforcement process…

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Important NPC

Name: Ronove Spelldia Lv. 60 <+25>

Karma Value: 155 <Good>

Class: Storm Sea Fist Fighter Second Class: Warrior Priest Third Class: Water Wizard”

State:

Storm Sea Dragon <STR Increase: Extra Large; VIT increase: Extra Large>

Meat Slicing and Bone Fracturing <STR Increase: Max; VIT decrease: Large>

Attribute Granted to Attacks: <Water: Max>

Oath: Enforcer <STR Increase: Max; DEX Increase: Max; Constant HP decrease: 3%/1s>

Remarks

Krebskulm Supreme Priest – Firstborn

Krebskulm Faith – Vice Priest

Krebskulm Executive Agent

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“… I’ll slaughter you with all my strength now! <High Level Regeneration>”

Ah! Dirty! This person’s dirty-handed!! People who’re normally this strong would not be granted the price of transcendence strengthening, no? I can dish out some damage, but his HP Regen will just recover most of it… Even poison is mostly useless because he probably has some way of nullifying it… It can’t be helped, I’ll have to unleash all my power-

“<Body Enhancement: Slaughterer’s Organs>”

“Uh?!”

I can do more.

“<Devilish Telepathy>”

I will ask for enhancements from Yamada and the others now.

“High Enchantment: Glorious Prominence>; <High Enchantment: Storm of Ruin>; <High Enchantment: Darkness Abyss>, <High Enchantment: Light’s Devotion>”

“Bastard!? How many are you going to go for…?!!”

An <Oath> would be nice now, I guess? I have no idea how to obtain it though, so as a replacement for that, I’ll use more enhancements.

“<Enchantment: Physical Might>; <Enchantment; Physical Barrier>; <Enchantment: Accelerate>”

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Race: Human

Name: Rena Lv. 40 <+15>

Karma Value: -201 <Evil>

Class: Assassin; Second Class: Demons' Master; Third Class: Evil Doctor

Condition: Possessed <Kageyama>

Slaughterer's Organ: <STR increase: Extra Large; AGI increase: Extra Large>

Devilish Telepathy: <INT increase: Large; LUK increase: Large; Strengthening enhancement efficiency increased for servants: Large; Strengthening enhancement efficiency increase from servants: Large>

Attributes Granted to attacks: <Fire: Max; Wind: Max; Light: Max; Dark: Max>

Enhancements: <STR increase: Extra Large; VIT increase: Extra Large; AGI increase: Extra Large>

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This must be the limit? Well, the opposite party started using prohibited moves first, so I guess it shouldn't matter?

"… I guess I really have to kill you here right now!!!"

The ground started to split apart and Ronove dashed over faster than the speed of sound; I could not react to that speed and just stood still.

"What chaotic power… how many people have you sent to hell?"

"… Hell? Does it even exist? I've never been there before so I can't speak for it…"

"Stop mocking me!"

Is there a world for the afterlife? I have never died before so I don't know. Why did he ask something that cannot be confirmed…? Perhaps Ronove

knows about it…? Well, I personally hope it exists.

I escaped Ronove's repeated fist punches. Each of his blows blew up the surroundings all the way to the forest behind me. After dodging one of them, I struck his elbow with my shortsword's pommel.

"Damn it! Why do you have so much power, technique and skills while being so young?!!"

"… I'm not sure why."

I answered Ronove's questions in the midst of the continuous attacks and defence. I dodged the opposite party's kicks and tried to stab his neck, but it was deflected by his chin and a right straight punch came for me. I flipped my body in the air and grabbed his wrist with my right hand and placed my left hand on the back of his elbow; using the opponent's momentum, I threw him into the air.

"Thump!"

While he's in the air, he tried to land some punch at a fast speed, so fast I could not see it, and I immediately backed off to avoid it.

"Why… You're the good person who saved the sisters, right? Was that anything that forced you to act this way?"

Once again, we clashed with each other. I aimed for the neck with the shortsword and wielded it sideways, but it was struck down by his left hand, he then attacked me with the <Crimson Lotus Land> punch and pinned me down. At that moment, I answered his earlier question.

"I helped the sisters because I couldn't found your base. By helping the kids, you would lower your guards, so I did that."

"Ughh?!!" That statement staggered him.

While my wrist was being crushed, I used the force of fulcrum and hit his solar plexus with <Explosive Gust> which blew him off.

“Gah!! … <Exheel>! But you were having fun with them, weren’t you?! Why have you fallen to such lowness?”

“That’s right-”

While adjusting my posture in midair, the opposite party let me go… he did an axe kick with probably a skill, I crossed my arm and escaped to the side… There’s a huge hole in the ground.

“-If I really have to say, I probably did that because it seemed fun?”

I threw an iron ball at him as he answered.

“In the first place, I just followed my heart, so I find it difficult to answer if you ask me the reason why.”

“…”

“Also, would you stop asking while we’re ‘playing’? We’re killing each other after all.”

I actually wanted him to focus on ‘playing’, but he’s been deviating from it since earlier?

”… it’s fine, I’ll have no hesitation or guilt when it comes to killing you!!”

Is he finally going to be serious? That makes me happy.

Chapter 45 – First Part Cleared (Part 4)

“<Deep Sea Fist>!!”

The punch emitted blue-blackish water aura and that was countered with an iron ball bomb <Dark Meteor>, but it was not enough to cancel the attack out, so to lessen the impact, I used the physical skill <Stream>.

“Ugh!”

This was quite painful… both of my arms were almost scraped off. It could be treated by Santa immediately, but I have no time for that.

“Fu!”

“Hah!”

I dodged the punch from above by moving my head to the side, I hooked his ankle mid-air to trip him.

“Mun!”

He took advantage of that and tried to place some distance between us by kicking me and making a back flip.

“Tsk!”

I avoided that by inches and tried to counterattack with poisonous needles and iron balls. Most were deflected but some were successful.

“<Antidote>… Ugh?! I can’t nullify the poison?”

It seems to be a success. Well, to be precise, it's not poison but medicine, so he's not in the state of being poisoned. The potions' physical activation effects were drawn out and condensed such that it could cause muscle spasms and a continuous state of fatigue.

"So you had a wild card…"

"Well then…"

Enough of the conversation and let's continue with the attacks. I took the shortsword and tried to stab him, but he probably used skills to harden his left fist as defense. However, I used <Hot Severance> to cut through.

"Ugh?!!"

Just like that, I sliced his wrist with the shortsword, he immediately bent his arm so I could only destroy up to his elbow; he then used his other fist and struck my chest with great force.

"Gugh?!"

Moments before that, I jumped back and softened the impact but I ended up coughing from the pain. He did not miss that and immediately attacked me swiftly and I braced myself for that.

I received the swing from below and he avoided my shortsword's blade by twisting his neck to the side, leaving only a small cut on his cheek.

"Hah!"

"Fu!"

The thrust of the shortsword was deflected and I avoided his fist. I kicked his solar plexus with an upward kick but he dodged that. I crossed my arms to avoid his head-butt… Both of us were unable to land a decent blow towards each other, but even so our HPs were gradually declining.

Since the outcome's still undecided, let's put an end it soon…

“Fu…”

I gathered my breath again and stabilized my mind… it’s time to finish him once and for all!!

“?!”

I doped myself with a small needle and gained temporary super speed. After confirming that the opponent could not react to me, I struck his chin with the pommel of the shortsword from below and lowered my posture before grabbing his ankles and throwing him off with centrifugal force.

“Gu?!”

I chased after him immediately and kicked his hips from the back while sticking poisonous needles into his shoulders and back.

“Gah!”

I immediately continued the attack to keep the pressure on him. At this rhythm he’d either die to my damage, or by falling off the nearby cliff. I swung the shortsword towards his neck with the <Dark Blade> skill—

“—-Don’t look down on me!!”

The tattoos on Ronove’s arms shone bluish-white and he used his remaining right arm to block my shortsword’s blow and also tore my entire left wrist off.

“It’s the end, you’ll die here—-”

To increase the light intensity, he poured water onto his arm before aiming straight for my heart next—-

“You are the one who’s going to die—-”

“—-Gah?!!”

Ronove probably hasn't dealt with daggers before. Even though he kept one in his belt, it was probably just for appearance's sake… You need to properly place them in your belt, otherwise you risk having it stolen by your opponent mid-battle and used directly against you… Like this. "It's my win." I twisted the dagger that was stuck in Ronove's heart as I talked to him.

"Gofu… To think that I'd be killed with my own weapon, but."

While saying that, Ronove grabbed my arm which was stabbing his heart.

"… I'll have you die with me."

… I see, the cliff is right behind and there's the rough open sea below. He's the type to take others down when he's going to die huh…

"If you're going to die, go ahead and die alone."

"No, you are coming with me."

I tried to pull my hand, but it wouldn't budge. He's grabbing me with tremendous force… it cannot be helped it.

"… Yamada."

When I called, the shortsword which should have flown far from us, floated in the air and headed towards me. Then, it sliced my remaining right arm.

"What?!"

"… Goodbye for good this time. It was fun."

While separating from Ronove, I kicked his stomach, pushing him down the cliff.

"… Everything's really possible."

While muttering his last words, Ronove fell into the sea. After confirming the sounds of water splashes, I sat down on the spot.

“I’m tired…”

I managed to win somehow by losing my right arm and left hand… It seems that at the moment, special NPCs are stronger compared to players, so I had fun. I will recover soon due to Santa’s help, but because I used the physical reinforcement, the recovery efficiency has dropped to one-tenth of what it was…

“I’ll take a short rest before returning to the streets.”

I told Santa that and basked in the aftermath of the battle for a while.

Chapter 46 – Announcement

<World Announcement: Player Rena cleared the Krebskulm Liberation Front, which established a temporary autonomous government in Belzenstock City. A wide variety of other changes also occurred, though you'll have to find those out by yourselves.>

<Your Level has increased>

<You earned Skill Points>

<Your Karma has dropped significantly>

<You acquired the new skill: Terrify>

<You acquired the new skill: Speech>

<You obtained resistance to impacts>

<You obtained resistance to water>

<The level of existing skills has increased>

<Skills that have reached a certain level can now evolve>

<New title: World Quest Clearer>

<New title: Enemy Of The Sea>

<The level of your servants has risen>

So the rewards from this revolution finally arrived… This would have been dangerous if I hadn't unlocked the advanced class. I only found out I could

do it after I exploded the underground passage that led to Belzenstock, apparently my karma needed to be below a certain value and my level above 40 in order to obtain the class… Though I wonder if I could get yet another class if my karma keeps dropping?

Well, no use worrying about that, let's just meet up with Yuu for now, I already recovered enough after all.

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I'm back in the town but… I can't find Yuu anywhere. I wonder where did he go to…

"Oh, isn't that Sage Ron?"

"…Oh it's you."

Sage Ron was waiting for someone in front of the Lord's Residence so I decided to ask him.

"Have you seen Yuu?"

"… If it's that kiddo, I guess… With the Verification Team? He was dragged away by some friends, it seems."

I see… I was not the first person to arrive at Belzenstock City, so perhaps there were some players who originally lived in this city… Also, the underground passages would be open to access soon… Probably. That's what Yuu said at least.

"Do you know where is Ronove…? That stupid son…"

"Oh? Should I say it?"

He's probably waiting for Ronove, but he must have guessed what has happened when he saw me here.

"… No. Considering his personality, what happened is obvious."

“Oh right, it was fun.”

I really enjoyed “playing” with Ronove. The revolution was also great as the nobles were overthrown, but the combats then left more to be desired in terms of quality and quantity. In that aspect, he’s competent enough to rival Alexei and I’ve become stronger too, so it was a good match.

“I want to thank and apologize to you… Thank you for lending us your help in obtaining freedom and sorry for my son’s rudeness…”

“Eh? Ah, is that so? It doesn’t really matter to me.”

I understand why he thanked me, but why did he apologize to me?

“Thank you… what are you planning to do from now on?”

“Well, from now on—”

<Message from the management: Notice of the official event>

Oh? There’s a message from the management… an official event announcement? This will probably decide the next course of action. I’ll confirm it later…

“It seems that there will be a migrant gathering soon, I’ll be meeting up with them.”

“… Is that so? Let me ask you one last question.”

“What’s it?”

What was it that he wanted to ask me? I can’t think of anything other than Ronove related matters though…

“… What will you do from now on?”

“I’m just going to do what I want to?”

“I see…”

What did he just asked me? If it's about what I'm going to do from now on, I'm just doing to do what I want to, so I don't really know.

"In that case, I'll take my leave. Please tell the sisters to take care."

"… Are you not going to meet them?"

"… It's impossible for me to do anything more."

"Is that so? I got it. I'll let them know."

"Yes. Thank you, well then-"

I cannot act any further, since there's nothing to ask I better place a little distance between us. I played with the pendant on my neck as I left the scene.

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From: KSO management

Subject: Notice of Official Event

Body Message: We are pleased to announce that the first official event <Hidden Tag Game> will be held; it will start in 3 days and will last a week. As the perceived speed of brain waves will be increased, it will feel like a week, but in reality only one day will pass, so please be assured. However, please note that you have to sleep in the game. We have prepared a special map dedicated for the event.

The details of the content will be explained below.

1) Players will be divided into <order>, <chaos> and <neutral> camps based on their current karma value. The allocated colors are blue for <order>, red for <chaos> and white for <neutral>.

2) One after the start of event, the whereabouts of the players in each area will be displayed on the event map for a short period of time, so please refer to it and attack or defend yourselves from other players. After that, it will be displayed on the map at regular intervals according to the karma value.

3) The points earned will change depending on the karma value of the defeated player. The higher the karma values of the <order> players, the higher the points. Conversely, the lower the karma values of the <chaos> players, the higher the points. Also, the closer the karma value of the <neutral> player to zero, the higher the points. The defeated players will return to the normal map from the event map and can watch the game from the UI.

4) If the <order> player defeats the <chaos> player, the points earned will be doubled and vice versa. <Neutral> players will earn double the points regardless of the camp they have defeated, so please attack both sides aggressively as you will be less likely to be targeted.

5) As you earn more points, you'll start appearing on the minimap more often and the intensity of the color of your display on the minimap will be increased. So please do your best.

6) After the end of the event period, the ranking will be announced based on the total points earned. Rankings are announced separately for groups and individuals; there are rewards for both, so please do your best to collect points. In addition, the points earned at the event can be exchanged for luxurious prizes.

The top five members of each camp will be displayed below; those who are listed below will probably be actively targeted during the event period, so we recommend that you take measures now.

Order

First place: Pervert Gentleman <Karma: 112>

Second place: Maria <Karma: 110>

Third place: Aaron <Karma: 109>

Fourth place: Cherry <Karma: 104>

Fifth place: Sumeragi <Karma: 101>

Chaos

First place: Rena <Karma: -211>

Second place: Blossom <Karma: -111>

Third place: Hymn's Guru <Karma: -108>

Fourth place: Jet Black Fallen Angel <Karma: -103>

Fifth place: Asagi <Karma: -101>

Neutral

First place: Absolutely Inviolable Area <Karma: 0>

Second place: Meiru <Karma: 3>

Third place: Myra <Karma: 5>

Fourth place: Leader of the Swimsuit-Stockings Alliance <Karma: 8>

Fifth place: Harold <Karma: 12>

Well then, everyone, please look forward to the event.

– KSO management

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Name: Rena

Gender: Female

Race: Human

Level: 42

Condition: Possessed <Kageyama>

Karma value:-211 <Evil>

Class: Assassin; Second Class: Demons' Master; Third Class: Evil Doctor

Skill Points: 47

Skills:

<Dagger Art Lv. MAX>; <Dagger Art – Master Lv. 14>; <Throw Lv. MAX>; <Boulder Throw Lv. 18>; <Walk Lv. 51>; <Lightweight Lv. 41>; <Medicine Lv. MAX>; <Hyper Medicine Lv. 14>; <Surprise Attack Lv. 51>; <Tame Lv. 42>; <Camouflage Lv. 42>; <Detection Lv. 39>; <Friendship Lv. 34>; <Thief Lv. MAX>; <Master Thief Lv. 12>; <Jump Lv. MAX>; <Sky Kick Lv. 15>; <Evasion Lv. MAX>; <Quick Evasion Lv. 18>; <Martial Art Lv. MAX>; <Martial Art – Master Lv. 21>; <Assassination Art Lv. MAX>; <Extermination Art Lv. 4>; <Fatal Blow Lv. 53>; <Feint Lv. 43>; <Escape Lv. MAX>; <Lightning Speed Lv. 24>; <Voice Change Lv. 30>; <Disguise Lv. 28>; <Acrobatics Lv. 24>; <Encouragement Lv. MAX>; <Governing Lv. 13>; <Leadership Lv. MAX>; <Total Control Lv. 13>; <Instruct Lv. MAX>; <Command Lv. 14>; <Physical Resistance Lv. 35>; <Magic Resistance Lv. 35>; <Abnormal Physical Condition Resistance Lv. 37>; <Abnormal Mental Condition Resistance Lv. 37>; <Night Vision Lv. 31>; <Stealth Lv. 38>; <Silent Move Lv. 41>; <Presence Detection Lv. MAX>; <Hyper Awareness Lv. 12>; <Danger Sense Lv. MAX>; <Sixth Sense Lv. 15>; <Hearing Lv. MAX>; <Forsake Lv. 31>; <Parrying Lv. 31>; <Dismantle Lv. MAX>; <Dissect Lv. 34>; <Mind's Eye Lv. 16>; <Terrify Lv. 5>; <Speech Lv. 7>; <Fire Resistance Lv. 12>; <Water Resistance Lv. 5>; <Poison Resistance Lv. 14>; <Slash Resistance Lv. 12>; <Impact Resistance Lv. 7>

Titles:

Giant Killer: Proof that one has killed an enemy that is 20 or higher levels than yourself. Increases damage dealt to higher levels enemies <Very Small>; Reduces damage taken <Very Small>.

The First Killer: Proof that one was the first person to successfully kill another person in this world. Increases damage dealt to humans <Very Small>.

Fearless: Proof that one has executed a person without any hesitation. Increases Fear Resistance <Very Small>; Increases Charm Resistance <Very Small>; Increases Confusion Resistance <Very Small>.

Slaughterer: Proof that one has caused mass slaughter in a short period of time. AGI increases based on the number of nearby human enemies <Caps at +150%>.

Demon: Proof that one has strayed off from humanity. Your Karma will fall easily and will hardly raise.

Plunderer: Proof that one has looted many goods from people. Increases the success rate of looting skills <Very Small>.

Criminal: Proof that one has violated the law in a city. You will not be able to enter cities by regular means.

God's Enemy: Proof that one has either declared war against the Order faction or done something similarly antagonistic to it. Increases damage dealt to enemies with <Good> Karma <Small>; Increases damage taken from enemies with <Good> Karma <small>.

Wanted – Temple: Proof that one is wanted at the temple. Current bounty: 55,000,000 G.

Merciless: Proof that one has no mercy. Increases Critical Rate <Small>.

Human Slayer: Proof that one has killed more than 500 humans. Increases damage dealt to humans <Medium>; Decreases damage received from humans <Medium>.

Enemy of Mankind: Proof that one has killed more than 1000 humans. Increases damage dealt to humans <Large>; Decreases damage received from humans <Large>.

Hero Slayer: Proof that one has killed an important NPC with a Karma higher than 150 or higher. Increases all stats <Small>; Increases damage dealt to enemies with <Good> Karma <Medium>; Increases damage received from enemies with <Good> Karma <Medium>.

Harbinger of Death: Proof that one has killed enough enemies to build a mountain of corpses and to paint a river red with human blood. Increases all stats <Small>; STR and VIT increase based on the number of nearby human enemies <Caps at +75%>.

World Quest Clearer: Proof that one has completed a World Quest. Increases all stats <Very Small>.

Enemy Of The Sea: Proof that one has antagonized the True Sea God Krebskulm. Increases damage dealt to enemies aligned with the sea <Small>; Increases damage taken from enemies aligned with the sea <Small>; Beings aligned with the sea naturally hate you <Large>.

Equipment

Weapon: Scarlet Flame Kodachi <Possessed – Yamada>

Body: Roaring Flame-Lion’s Jacket

Armor: Light Armor of the Blue Flame <Possessed – Inoue>

Arms: Sea Breeze Gloves

Lower Body: Dark Night Leggings

Shoes: Falcon Boots

Accessories

- Night Sky Cloak <Possessed – Azabu>

- Ouroboros Pendant – Counterfeit <Possessed – Santa>
- Ring of Strength
- Silver Wolf Belt
- Anti-Magic Bracelet

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Name: Yamada

Race: Living Dead – Hades Sword

Level: 12

Condition: Possessing

Skills:

<Floating Lv. 25>; <Night Vision Lv. 35>; <Self Restoration Lv. 39>; <Weapon Possession Lv. 39>; <Strengthened Slashes Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Slashes Lv. 12>; <Immunity To Harmful Mental Effects>; <Infuse Poison Lv. 11>; <Fatal Blow Lv. 15>; <Dark Magic Lv. 27>; <Fire Magic Lv. 21>; <Fire Resistance Lv. 12>; <Water Resistance Lv. 5>

Titles:

Rena’s servant: Proof that one became Rena’s servant. Increases the effect of enhancements provided by its master <Small>.

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Name: Kageyama

Race: Darkness Shadow

Level: 12

Condition: Possessing

Skills:

<Shadow Diving Lv. 39>; <Shadow Travel Lv. 34>; <Stealth Lv. 31>; <Night Vision Lv. 24>; <Surprise Attack Lv. 39>; <Dark Magic Lv. MAX>; <Black Magic Lv. 14>; <Strengthened Magic Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Magic Lv. 11>; <Immunity To Harmful Mental Effects>; <Shadow Manipulation Lv. 9>; <Bestow Magic Lv. 13>; <Fire Resistance Lv. 12>; <Water Resistance Lv. 5>

Titles:

Rena's servant: Proof that one became Rena's servant. Increases the effect of enhancements provided by its master <Small>.

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Name: Azabu

Race: Boreas – Phantom Cloak Lv. 12

Condition: Possessing

Skills:

<Floating Lv. 32>; <Night Vision Lv. 29>; <Armor Possession Lv. 39>; <Wind Magic Lv. MAX>; <Gale Magic Lv. 15>; <Dark Magic Lv. MAX>; <Black Magic Lv. 5>; <Strengthened Magic Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Magic Lv. 9>; <Immunity To Harmful Mental Effects>; <Presence Detection Lv. 19>; <Danger Sense Lv. 18>; <Vigilance Lv. 24>; <Far Sight Lv. 17>; <Fire Resistance Lv. 12>; <Water Resistance Lv. 5>

Titles:

Rena's servant: Proof that one became Rena's servant. Increases the effect of enhancements provided by its master <Small>.

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Name: Santa

Race: Greater Mimic

Level: 12

Condition: Possessing

Skills:

<Mimicry Lv. 39>; <Night Vision Lv. 24>; <Concealment Lv. 39>; <Treasure Possession Lv. 39>; <Light Magic Lv. MAX>; <Bright Magic Lv. 15>; <Illusion Magic Lv. 31>; <Strengthened Magic Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Magic Lv. 9>; <Immunity To Harmful Mental Effects>; <Bestow Magic Lv. 12>; <Barrier Magic Lv. 9>; <Fire Resistance Lv. 12>; <Water Resistance Lv. 5>

Titles:

Rena's servant: Proof that one became Rena's servant. Increases the effect of enhancements provided by its master <Small>.

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Name: Inoue

Race: Dark Living Armor

Level: 12

Condition: Possessing

Skills:

<Walk Lv. 39>; <Night Vision Lv. 24>; <Kenjutsu Lv. MAX>; <Kenjutsu – Master Lv. 14>; <Armor Possession Lv. 39>; <Strengthened Physique Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Physique Lv. 12>; <Strengthened Endurance Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Endurance Lv. 9>; <Strengthened Defense Lv. MAX>; <Intensified Defense Lv. 9>; <Immunity To Harmful Mental Effects>; <Coordination Lv. 17>; <Defensive Art Lv. 17>; <Martial Art Lv. 13>; <Dark Magic Lv. 14>; <Bestow Magic Lv. 11< <Fire Resistance Lv. 12>; <Water Resistance Lv. 5>; <Impact Resistance Lv. 7>

Titles:

Rena’s servant: Proof that one became Rena’s servant. Increases the effect of enhancements provided by its master <Small>.

Chapter 47 – Official Bulletin Board 3

[To her] Genocider’s exclusive thread 57 [I want to be bullied]

1. Nameless Genorer

This is a thread to talk about Genocider.

Let’s write freely.

However, if you don’t abide the basic rules, this thread will disappear.

Also, keep in mind that she might read this thread, so please be respectful.

Previous thread: http: // ******

>> 980 Next thread, please.

141. Nameless Genorer

>>139

Genocider is so cute so I want to be bullied by her mercilessly…

142. Nameless Genorer

But I wonder if she’s here now…

143. Nameless Genorer

>>141

It seems like you’re not just going to be pleased with just being bullied…

144. Nameless Genorer

Or rather, does anyone know Genocider’s real name or Player Name?

145. Nameless Genorer

I want to be dissected by her thrilled face… >///<

146. Nameless Genorer

>>144

I don’t know. I don’t know if it’s because the level of her concealment skills is ridiculously high, but I can’t see it. I thought I was about to see it, but in the end I was killed before I could. Maybe she has overlapping skills of the same type.

147. Nameless Genorer

>>145

As expected, her level is too high lol.

148. Nameless Genorer

>>145

You are the lifetime honorary Genorer, there’s no doubt for that.

149. Nameless Genorer

Everyone! I started playing this game because I admired Genocider!

From now on I’m going to start a slaughter spree in the open area and will be streaming it so please watch it at: http://*****

150. Nameless Genorer

>>149

Ah… (Realizes)

151. Nameless Genorer

>>149

Well… Um… Please do your best!

152. Nameless Genorer

>>149

Genocider is truly a dark person.

153. Nameless Genorer

Rather than that video, I have some videos of Genocider myself, so would anyone want to see the compilation I made?

154. Nameless Genorer

>>153

Yess! Yes yes yess!!

155. Nameless Genorer

>>153

You’re really talented.

156. Nameless Genorer

>>153

Yes, yes!

157. Nameless Genorer

>>149 <- talentless

>>154 <- talented

158. Nameless Genorer

Well then, I'll stream it, Genocider's battle series!!

http://******

159. Nameless Genorer

As expected, this person's mind is weird (it's a praise).

160. Nameless Genorer

No matter how many times I watch it, the expressions of the crowd when the tutorial old man's head went flying off will always be funny.

161. Nameless Genorer

Ah, you have already done it before I've started the quest.

Stop fooling around.

I'll kill you.

162. Nameless Genorer

Hey, it's not a costume! (Pointing at your throat with a dagger)

163. Nameless Genorer

Be sure to smile to express your love for the murderer.

What are you so fearful of?! Die!

Smile even when you are going to die.

164. Nameless Genorer

Hey let go of the weapon! Hey! You’re going to die!

165. Nameless Genorer

You little **** stop it lololol

166. Nameless Genorer

How can he be one of the top players when his head is easily decapitated?

This PVP beginner bastard! Hey!!

167. Nameless Genorer

Well, he’s just in front to be killed, right?

168. Nameless Genorer

Creak creak (Sounds of head flying off)

169. Nameless Genorer

This game’s great <3

Just die

170. Nameless Genorer

Sorry for not sparing a single person <3

171. Nameless Genorer

Stop it already lololol my stomach hurts lololol

172. Nameless Genorer

Accept death without even thinking about it.

173. Nameless Genorer

Wow~ Amazing amazing.

Kill the players who are dirty.

174. Nameless Genorer

Ah, wait <3 I’m killing you <3

175. Nameless Genorer

Ah, wait, you’re going to slip!

The passageway’s filled with sticky blood so it’s dangerous.

Don’t spill blood all over, die!

176. Nameless Genorer

Ah, wait <3 I’m coming<3

177. Nameless Genorer

Don’t you feel sorry for the arson in the temple?

178. Nameless Genorer

Crunch <3 Grind <3 Shiver <3

179. Nameless Genorer

Um-is this really the open space?

180. Nameless Genorer

You should die too! Dude!!

181. Nameless Genorer

She killed so many people in a short span of time…

I kind of died…

182. Nameless Genorer

That skill is impossible to become Genocider.

183. Nameless Genorer

Thanks to you guys, my eyes are rolling! lololol

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[Mission Underway] General Chat Thread 104 [Where are you now?]

1. Nameless Adventurer

This is the general chat thread.

Let’s write freely.

However, if you don’t abide the basic rules, this thread will disappear.

Previous thread: http: // ******

>> 980 Next thread, please.

214. Nameless Adventurer

>>201

The level of pervertedness has increased…??

215. Nameless Adventurer

>>201

I wonder why he did that?

215. Nameless Adventurer

>>201

Don’t go leveling up! lol

216. Nameless Adventurer

>>201

Evolution of pervert…

217. Nameless Adventurer

>>201

The soldiers have already gotten used to it lol.

218. Nameless Adventurer

Hey, isn’t it hard to level your skills?

219. Nameless Adventurer

>>201

Is there no one who’d stop this guy…?

220. Nameless Adventurer

>>218

I think you’d know if you’ve read the verification thread but it’s easy to level the primary skill to the MAX level of 30, but it’s hard to level the secondary skill that comes after it. It’s when the game becomes really grindy.

221. Nameless Adventurer

>>220

Thank you!

Hmm, then what about the karma? I have also killed NPCs but it doesn't decrease?

222. Nameless Adventurer

>>221

Not much is known about the karma even in the verification team.

However, it will decrease if you kill more… I guess, even if you kill, it differs depending on where, when, how and who you kill, you know? How did you kill?

223. Nameless Adventurer

>>222

Ah, is that so?

I went out to the streets and attacked a passerby who had their guard down, maybe that's why…

224. Nameless Adventurer

>>222

Wait a minute, based on that fact, how did Genocider achieve such low karma? lol

225. Nameless Adventurer

Genocider's karma is damn dangerous (child-like comment).

226. Nameless Adventurer

>>224

At the street's open space (temple), in the daytime where people has gathered, she openly set arson and launched surprise attacks, killing good civilians (women, kids and elderly included) and priests.

227. Nameless Adventurer

>>226

Lol, this person is weird after all.

228. Nameless Adventurer

>>226

What happened to the karma value? lol

229. Nameless Adventurer

>>226

Though among the known karma values, the lowest one has reached about -110, didn't it? Therefore Genocider's karma value should be between -120 and -140.

230. Nameless Adventurer

>>229

Well, that sounds pretty plausible.

231. Nameless Adventurer

Oh.

232. Nameless Adventurer

It's the world announcement.

233. Nameless Adventurer

This Rena person is also damn mysterious, no? For attacking the underground tomb before the top players finished going through it.

234. Nameless Adventurer

What's a world quest btw?

235. Nameless Adventurer

>>234

You didn't know? It's quest for the world.

236. Nameless Adventurer

>>235

I see. Thanks.

237. Nameless Adventurer

Don't put up a skit.

238. Nameless Adventurer

Nobody knows about Rena, really?

239. Nameless Adventurer

I don't know.

240. Nameless Adventurer

I don't know.

241. Nameless Adventurer

How would I know, idiot.

242. Nameless Adventurer

(´□ω□□) I see-

243. Nameless Adventurer

Seems like the top players could not stop Rena.

244. Nameless Adventurer

Maybe she's Genocider?

245. Nameless Adventurer

>>244

That's impossible.

246. Nameless Adventurer

>>244

That Party name is definitely a no for Genocider lol

247. Nameless Adventurer

Genocider would probably choose a more serious name, thought it's just based on my image of her lol

248. Nameless Adventurer

She has that much drive, achievements and charisma; a legendary person who increased the power of the chaos team, who used to be weak. There's no way she'd choose that Party name…

249. Nameless Adventurer

I see, that's true… sorry for saying weird things.

250. Nameless Adventurer

It’s fine.

251. Nameless Adventurer

Oh?!!

252. Nameless Adventurer

What’s this?!!

253. Nameless Adventurer

It’s the notice for the official event-! □(*´□□*)□

254. Nameless Adventurer

“Hidden Tag Game” sounds fun lol

255. Nameless Adventurer

But the order team will also have to attack the others huh… (perplexed)

256. Nameless Adventurer

Normally, the order members would defend while the chaos members would attack, right? I’m not sure about the neutral though.

257. Nameless Adventurer

It’s the first game since the start of the service, it’s a little huh?

258. Nameless Adventurer

Also, it seems like the order team and chaos team would be against each other so I don’t think there’d be a problem.

259. Nameless Adventurer

>>258

Then, what about neutral?

260. Nameless Adventurer

>>259

With the neutral, it means that everyone around us would be the enemy… (Trembling voice)

261. Nameless Adventurer

Hah, the top five names were also listed! …there's one shitty dangerous person, no? lol

262. Nameless Adventurer

There's a person with a super low karma value lol.

263. Nameless Adventurer

This person is definitely Genocider!!

264. Nameless Adventurer

[Quick News] Genocider's Player Name is Rena.

265. Nameless Adventurer

I didn't expect her to be really Genocider…

266. Nameless Adventurer

Eh, wait, then, that foolish party name really belongs to Genocider?

Also, isn't Genocider solo?

267. Nameless Adventurer

>>266

From what I heard from Hannes, who was defeated again in the north underground passage, she seems to have allies with some unknown people so maybe she's not always solo?

268. Nameless Adventurer

>>267

Hmm, I see~

269. Nameless Adventurer

Who's it! Apologize! To me!! Apologize, you idiots!!!

270. Nameless Adventurer

Sorry…

271. Nameless Adventurer

Sorry, I didn't expect it to be true…

272. Nameless Adventurer

Genocider has a surprisingly cute side lol.

273. Nameless Adventurer

The difference with second place is exactly 100 lol.

274. Nameless Adventurer

What did she do to get so low…?

275. Nameless Adventurer

She murdered and dissected the soldiers…

276. Nameless Adventurer

She also used children as shields lol.

277. Nameless Adventurer

This person’s mind is weird after all.

Chapter 48 – Father and Daughter

As soon as I came back home from school, one of my house's butlers, Mr. Yamamoto, stopped me and said, "Young Lady, the lord is calling."

"Understood." I replied.

Why would that man call for me of all people?

… It seems like a storm is coming.

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"You've arrived. I didn't really want to see you, but I had something that I had to tell you." That man said.

It seems like we both feel the same way about each other, but in that case, he shouldn't have called me in the first place… "What is it?" I asked him curtly.

"I'll be adopting a child from one of our branch families." He answered.

"And why are you telling me this?" I asked.

"The boy from the branch family is a wonderful person, differently from you. He'll be the heir of our house." He explained.

"I won't say anything over the heir matter, but don't I already have a younger brother?" I asked him.

That man must be really fond of this boy. He is even smiling right now, even though he has never once smiled near me, not even to give mom some comfort during her final moments…

“His lineage is not on par with ours. And while he is a proper human being, your younger brother is ultimately a mediocre person. He does not have much potential to himself.” He clarified.

“Is that so…” I answered vaguely. I haven’t really met neither my younger brother nor sister, so I don’t really care about what he thinks of them.

“The boy we’re adopting is five years older than you, and he is not only a proper human, but also a very brilliant boy… Differently from you.”

I refused to answer. I was used to the fact that this man wouldn’t acknowledge that I have been the person with the highest scores in the mock exams across the whole country, so those words didn’t really hurt me anymore. Even so they still weren’t worth a reply.

That said, the boy seems to at least be at about the same level as me, which shouldn’t be that bad.

“In any case, the boy should soon come here to visit me. Will you come out of the side building to greet him?” That man asked.

“I won’t come out.” I instantly replied.

“That’s troublesome. I wouldn’t want the people that accompany the boy to think I host a monster in that building.” He answered.

I hate this. This gaze of his that feels like all the dirt on the bottom of his soul just started climbing up into mine, forcefully scrapping off parts of my very being…

“I don’t like being stared at as if I was a monster.” I answered coldly.

He answered after a moment of hesitation, “I’m sorry…

“For giving birth to such a monster.”

… That’s the same gaze he gave mom when she died, would he stare at that other woman like this? Oh, how much I would just like to…

“Do you want to say something?” He asked.

“No, nothing… Please excuse me.”

Ah, that’s no good. I almost broke the last promise I made before parting with my dead mother. I shouldn’t put out this man nor my younger siblings…

“Then disappear from my sight. And don’t involve yourself with your older brother much, I wouldn’t want him getting influenced by you.” He said.

“Then I’ll take my leave.” Trying my best to suppress my murderous intent, I gave him a bow and left.

Once outside, I sighed in relief for not breaking my promise with my dead mother, but just as I was about to leave the premises, I was stopped by Mr. Yamamoto.

“Young lady…” He said.

“What is it?” I asked him… Though I wonder why Mr. Yamamoto is here in the first place, does he still have businesses with me?

“Please don’t worry too much about it, it’s bad for your health.” He told me.

“Thank you, but I’m okay” I answered.

Is he trying to pretend to care a little? I’m not buying it, his face is still as expressionless as always.

“Also, the lord’s wife has been requesting to see you…” He said.

“Please decline.” I immediately replied.

“… As you wish.” After he said that, Mr. Yamamoto left.

I don’t want to see that woman in the first place, and besides… I don’t think I’ll be able to keep my promise with mom if I meet that woman.

… Especially because that woman stole dad from mom.

Since I was done with everything I had to do here, I quickly returned to the side building and then flopped onto my bed.

“Dearest mother…” I said as I sank my face into my pillow. It still had a scent that vaguely resembled mother’s… I took a deep breath and continued, “My emotions get really disturbed whenever I meet that man… It’s really tiring.”

… Let’s get rid of all this bitterness in the game. It’s a good thing that the new event is starting soon.

Chapter 49 – The First Official Event

*This chapter is narrated from Hannes' Point of View

"Finally…" I muttered as we prepared for the first official event of the game. I was pretty excited for it, even if a bit tense.

Kellin seemed to share my sentiments by replying with an 'at last'.

Eleanor on the other hand seemed to be a bit worried as she said "Will we really be okay? We have two members on the top 5 within our party." Ryne seemed to agree with her thoughts as he started nodding right after.

I had to say I was a bit surprised when I saw Cherry and Myra's names on the top 5, but this shouldn't be a big issue since we're all on the same party anyways.

"I'm a bit worried that many players might end up targeting me…" Cherry said.

"It's okay, we can just beat them up." Myra replied.

Myra seemed to be surprisingly calmer than Cherry about this… But more importantly, in this event…

"That Rena person… I'll definitely defeat her this time around!" I shouted!

"Seriously!? We're gonna fight her again!?" Kellin replied.

"I'm not sure that's a good idea…" Ryne complemented.

I was a bit disheartened by their replies, but it's hard to blame them when I remember the last time Kellin died to her…

"Don't be like that, all the people that passed near us also made fun of me!" I replied.

"The discussion thread was also quite festive…" Eleanor complemented… The Genorers in particular were pretty bothersome.

"In any case, there surely are a lot of people in the square." Kellin said.

"Well, of course, the event is about to start." Myra replied.

And while we casually talked like this, I heard something that I couldn't ignore.

"Genocider spotted!" One of the nearby players said.

"Really?" Another said.

"Wow, she's really here!" A third one said.

"Why is she here of all places…?" A forth one commented.

Huh? She is coming here openly instead of sneaking around? In that case…

"Wait, Hannes, where are you going!?" One of my teammates said.

"Sorry, I gotta go!" I replied while running on her direction.

I didn't wait for my comrades and instead rushed towards that devil in a straight line. As people saw me run, they naturally opened the path for me.

"It's Hannes against Genocider!" One passerby said.

"Something must be about to start…" Another said eagerly.

"It's World War III!" A third one said.

“That will be fun to watch.” A fourth one commented.

“This is getting interesting.” Was said by a fifth.

I ignored all the noise and arrived at that girl who was standing alone in the square.

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“… Hey.” I called out to her. Even though I ran all the way here and stood right in front of her, she didn’t even bother with properly looking at me, that was frustrating.

“… Is something the matter?” She asked.

“… I need to tell you something.” I need to stay calm. I have practiced a lot with my friends and my level improved quite a bit. We have trained our in-game skills, cooperation, player skills and even had some meetings to reflect on our past encounters. I definitely… “I’ll definitely beat you this time! I won’t lose at this event!” I shouted.

“He said it!” One of the onlookers said.

“Hannes declared war on the Genocider!” Another exclaimed.

“It’s a festival!” A third one said.

I-I said it! How about it!? Did that scare you!? I don’t care for the onlooker’s reactions, but I really want to get something out of her!

“… This time?” She replied.

“Seriously!?” I exclaimed in disbelief.

“It’s Hannes… You really can’t remember him?” One of the onlookers asked.

“She must be joking…” A second one said.

“Hannes must look as remarkable as grass to her.” A third one said while giggling.

“She’s so cute.” Another said while laughing out loud.

“Could you all please shut up!?” I shouted.

The onlookers seemed to be surprised by my sudden outburst, but they showed no sign of dispersing… Seriously…

“I see, it’s a declaration of war then? I’ll remember it.” Rena finally replied.

“Oh… Well then… Alright.” I said… Wait, did she just say ‘remember’ now? She… She definitely did! “Yes!” I exclaimed. She finally remembered!

“… You’re a bit weird.” She said in response to my scream. But I didn’t care, we’re finally, finally making some progress here!

“That’s right! Remember it, for I’ll definitely beat you!” I shouted.

“Then, for the time being, you’ll be the one to ‘play’ with me? I understand.” She said.

It was a bit of a confusing statement, and I was about to ask her about it, but a game window appeared high up in the air, interrupting everyone’s conversation.

“Hey, players! It’s the management team here!” A bald man said from the screen.

“Boss, please be serious here.” One of the people near him replied… Is this development team alright?

“This is the first official game event! We were planning on making another event hosted by the lord of the Beginner’s City, but… That ended up having to scrapped, oopsie?” The bald man said.

And the person that caused it was without a doubt this Rena girl… Though she just replied with an ‘Oh my…’, as if that didn’t even concern her. Seriously, this girl… “In any case, the event will start in 10 minutes, and you’ll be instantly teleported to the event map then, so please be prepared!”

One of the other employees seemed to push the bald man out of the screen and continued, “Boss, this isn’t nearly enough of an explanation.

“Once the event starts, everyone will be teleported to the map in random positions, though parties will be kept together. Please note that enemies might be teleported directly to your side due to the random nature of the process.

“Also, the map is pretty large, so you might not necessarily meet all the participating players throughout the event.

“That said, every 30 minutes, the location of all players will be displayed in your minimap for a short time.” Wait, so the event might end without me meeting Rena!? This can’t be serious! “Also, the higher you are in the karma ranks of your faction, the more often will your position be displayed in the minimap, so top players should expect to be constantly attacked.” I see, then I should find Rena easily due to how ridiculously low her Karma is. “That will be all. Please enjoy our first official event.”

“You closed it up so nicely! I’m glad I have such a great secretary!” The bald man appeared on the screen again to say that while hugging said secretary… And he was punched in the stomach right after. “Ugh… Good luck to everyone.” And with this, the transmission closed… That boss seems kinda…

No, more importantly than that, “I’ll definitely find you, so prepare your neck because you won’t escape!” I declared to the genocider.

“Is that so? I’ll be waiting then.” She said with a smile that felt like the grim reaper… D-don’t smile like that! It’s bad for my heart!

I was about to complain about this, but my sight was dyed white and the teleportation started.

Chapter 50 – The First Day Of The Event

Once the teleportation finished, the surroundings became clear, and I could see that I was in the middle of a vast meadow.

“I-it’s the Genocider!” Someone nearby said while pointing at me.

Directly near me, there were two enemy parties. It was fortunate that the random distribution already put three groups of different factions together.

“Hey, we should join forces!” One of them said while looking at the other party.

While they were talking to one another, I threw some iron scraps at the guy that just spoke and pierced his head, instantly killing him. Then I used <Fire Magic> at my feet to create a <Jet Propulsion> and used it to jump in the middle of their party.

“Leader?!” One of the nearby enemies said.

They didn’t start reacting to my attack yet, so I made use of that to kill the man that looked like their healer with a roundhouse kick to his neck.

His dying scream seemed to finally take the rest of the party out of their stupor, so their mage turned towards me and seemed to be trying to cast something. Without giving her a chance to finish it, I held her neck with my hand and then used <Jet Propulsion> again, moving closer to the other members and swinging her as my temporary weapon to attack them.

After that I put one of my poisonous smokebombs on her mouth and threw her as a living bomb towards their fighters. While they were confused by it,

I killed their other magician by throwing an iron scrap at his neck before he finished whatever he was casting, and then kicked their last healer's neck, killing them as well.

With only some of their fighters left, the remaining leader of the two parties shouted "Retreat!"

Before they had the chance though, I threw an iron ball at one of their swordsman's head, which smashed it to death and also exploded, leaving flames and poisonous smoke in the surroundings.

Making use of this opportunity, I rushed in while throwing more iron scraps and poisonous needles at their vitals. Then, I used the spear of one of the fighters that died to the needles to pierce a dagger user. Immediately after, I used the spearman's body as a shield to protect myself from another magician and then I pierced his head with my dagger.

Following that, I threw a needle to their last swordsman that was trying to attack me. It pierced his heart and instantly killed him.

"You must be kidding me…" Their last remaining member, a magician, said.

In the end, I just threw the dagger of one of their dagger users at that magician's head and he died too.

"And I guess that's that…" I said.

It can't be helped since the event just started, but this isn't nearly enough…

It would be boring to wait until the guy that declared war on me came, so let's just 'play' around as I originally planned.

And as such, I started looking around this vast meadow, though I couldn't help sighing at the splendid nothingness all around me.

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(Hannes' PoV)

“Isn’t it about time?” I asked my teammates.

“Probably,” Kellin said, then went on to check the minimap.

We had just defeated a party that had been attacking us, and the fight just happened to end at about 30 minutes since the event started.

“Oh, it’s live,” Kellin muttered.

As I checked the minimap in response to what he said, I couldn’t help feeling a bit disheartened, “She’s far,” I said.

“Yeah,” Ryne replied.

“Isn’t that a good thing though?” Kellin commented.

Considering the distance between the mountainous area we’re in, and the grassland that Rena is at… “Won’t we only reach her in the last day of the event? And even then, the timing will still be tight, won’t it?” I asked to no one in particular.

“That’s pretty much it,” Ryne answered, confirming my unpleasant thoughts.

“It’s amazing that the genocider is the only one that stands out this much, isn’t it?” Myra commented cheerfully.

“Her marker in the map is so large and it is of such a deep black hue… It only takes a glance to identify her,” Cherry noted.

That’s no good! I have to meet her soon! Considering how infamous she is, she’ll definitely be attacked all the time, which might make her mentally tired, and then her concentration might slip, so someone might be able to actually defeat her at that point… “Let’s hurry! I have to be the one to beat her!” I exclaimed.

“I guess so.” Ryne commented half-heartedly.

“Seems like it can’t be helped.” Eleanor said while sighing. Their replies were a tad annoying.

“… I suppose it’s fine. I have something to say to her anyways.” Cherry said.

“Sure, let’s do it. I won’t be satisfied until I shoot through her anyways.” Myra also agreed with the plan.

“I guess there’s no helping it at this point,” Kellin said while sighing… “But I have one correction to make.

“It’s not you that will beat her. We’re the ones that will take Rena down. I may not have a grudge like you, or something to tell her like Cherry, but we’ll still be working at it together!”

“Yeah, let’s do it!” I cheered! We were all beaten by her together, so it’s only fair that we defeat her as a team!

“… Wait, I’m not sure I get what you meant, Kellin… I mean, you don’t have a grudge? I thought we all had one against her.” Ryne asked… Coming to think of it, wasn’t he the one that should have been the most dissatisfied with the way we lost?

“… Rather than holding a grudge, I kind of want her phone number instead.” Kellin clarified.

… Seriously!?

“… Is that so?” Ryne seemed amused.

“You…” Myra seemed angry.

“Huh…?” Cherry didn’t seem to have understood what he just said yet.

“… You’re the lowest.” Eleanor seemed to have lost any hope that she could have had for him.

“I guess I really shouldn’t be surprised by those reactions…” Kellin said.

I understood that he was a womanizer, but still, that girl of all people!?

“But well, isn’t she just super cute?” He complemented.

Just because it’s true, it doesn’t make her any good! Even Ryne was astonished at this point, but Kellin just kept laughing while aiming at Rena! Seriously!?

Chapter 51 – The First Day Of The Event (Part 2)

(Point of view of the Pervert Gentleman (Rank #1 in the Order faction))

“Hmm!” I shouted.

“Gah?!” The enemy said as he collapsed.

Was I too rough? As soon as I saw an enemy party, I ended up attacking them right away without thinking twice… To make such a surprise attack, I am a failure as a gentleman.

“This pervert is too strong…” The last one of them commented… Well, I ended him too, since they’ll all just respawn anyways.

I wonder how often I appear in the minimap though, since I’m the highest ranked player in the Order faction, I must be there frequently. Will this force me to change strategies?

And I also wondered if there was any change in the frequency with which you appeared in the minimap in case you were alone or in a party… Let’s just check it out, though it’s still been less than one hour since the minimap first displayed the position of all players, so I don’t know if anything will show up.

… Well, I guess it can’t be helped if it’s her.

What I saw in the minimap was a very large dark mark. It had to be the Genocider, Rena, who all players were afraid of… To think that her signal has been displayed again after less than one hour, even I was a little sympathetic towards that.

Considering how low her Karma is, it's quite possible that even members of the Chaos faction will try attacking her. They won't get the doubled points bonus, but she is so above everyone else, that this hardly matters.

… And she is close to my current position. Well, as the top ranked member of the Order faction, I must do something about her, while showing off my brave muscles to all the bystanders!

… When I think about getting close to her, my muscles just start pulsating naturally… Oh?

While I flexed my muscles, a new party appeared in front of me… Let's greet them properly.

"Gah! It's the Pervert Gentleman!" One of them said.

I started giggling from the excitement. Then, taking on a brave pose, I proudly punched through their vanguard's swordsman, then used a roundhouse kick to blow away their healer.

"We need to rebuild our formation!" Their leader said, but… He is too late.

With careful rhythmic breathing, I quickly approached them and swung my fist, which is as strong as a mallet, against the head of a swordsman, burying him deep into the ground.

"You must be kidding me!" Their mage said.

Making use of the surprise, I jumped forward while using the buried swordsman as a foothold. Then, making a twist mid-air, I dropped a heel kick into the mage, which created a beautiful explosion. Its impact was so incredible that it also defeated a nearby archer instantly.

"This is no good…" Their leader said.

"Oh my, aren't you going a little crazy over there?" I said while quickly approaching their leader, using the buried swordsman as a foothold again.

“What!?” The leader shouted as I grabbed his crotch. “I-I’m straight, alright!?”

“It’s okay, I’m bisexual and used to being the one teaching,” I told him while smiling.

“Please don’t…?” He begged.

“In that case… Bye!” I then killed him while squeezing his crotch.

Ah, I wonder how fun things will be once I meet up with Rena. Could we even enter a honeymoon perhaps? I couldn’t stop shaking my muscles from the excitement.

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(Blossom’s Point of View (Rank #2 in the Chaos Faction))

This is so annoying! Just who is that Genocider!? I, Blossom, was the leader of the few players in the Chaos faction since the Beta, how dare she come and steal my top spot!?

“Just who the hell is that woman!?” I shouted.

“E-even if you ask me…” The nearby pest said.

“Silence!” I shouted while beheading him with my scythe. “The weak do not have the right to speak!”

This is so frustrating! This is all that woman’s fault! Just because she is a bit cute she thinks she can steal my place!? I’m the one on top of the chaos and… Oh? She was already shown on the map? But it hasn’t even been an hour… Though that might be good for me.

Thinking about it, if I kill her early in the event, everyone will be aware of who is the top Chaos player… That seems nice, just how should I kill her? Should I ruin that proud face of hers? Maybe I should take a picture of her underwear after forcing her to remove all her equipment? This seems fun…

While giggling in joy, I started running towards her direction.

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(Rena's Point of View)

Oh my… After almost two hours since the first display of every player's position in the minimap, the location of players other than me are finally appearing as well.

And there are that two are pretty close… Two large circles are approaching the forest I'm currently at, from opposite directions. Judging by the distance, we probably won't meet today, but it seems likely that they're the Rank #1 of the Order faction and the Rank #2 of the Chaos faction. I'm not sure why all the high rank players are so close to one another when the teleportation should have spread us out randomly, but… I guess they might just be coming after me?

This will surely earn me a lot of points. But it's a bit troublesome that I have only appeared in the map thrice so far, it might be hard for them to pinpoint my exact location like this, and I don't want them to clash with one another without giving me the chance to 'play' with them first… I guess I should try to stand out a bit more?

Let's then make an oversized ball and fill it with gunpowder. Now, to throw it up as high as I can with my <Boulder Throw> skill. Then, it exploded, making an instant firework… It was functional, but not very beautiful.

Regardless, the huge explosion roared through the skies, it should be easy to find me now even if they're far from here… Well, let's go.

While I moved through the forest, I occasionally threw more of those fireworks up in order to make sure I could be easily followed.

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(Rena's Point of View)

I ended up attracting quite a lot of them… There are at least a few dozen players chasing me through the forest right now… Moreover, it seems like even players on the Chaos faction are after me.

Though I guess it can't be helped with my Karma being this low. Even without the double points I must be well worth killing, especially because this would also deny the other party the opportunity of getting double points for my death.

However, I have no intention of being killed.

As I ran, I threw various types of oil and of highly flammable chemicals at the forest. I also used the <Dry> magic at a few key points, and then used some tree trunks as footholds for the <Sky Kick> skill, to get more distance from the pursuers.

"Ah, I can't catch up!" One of them said.

"Wait!" Another screamed.

"Don't you run away now!" A third one complemented.

"Surround her! Let's use our numbers to our advantage!" A fourth one shouted.

"Let's cooperate regardless of faction!" A fifth one said.

So they're really working together? I guess they'll keep fighting as a team until they defeat me, then they can just kill each other without regrets… It doesn't really matter though.

By now, the players chasing me already reached the triple digits. It felt like a good point, so I used <Gust> to accelerate, and then <Sky Kick> to go high up in the air. Following that, <Heat Ray> at the trees I previously dried up, and <Breeze> to make the fire spread quickly.

"Woah!?" They started reacting.

"She set the forest on fire!" Another seemed to be panicking.

“What is she thinking!? This isn’t a city, alright!?” I wondered why he thought I cared for that.

By now I had already landed, so I rushed towards a mage that was trying to extinguish the fire, threw him high in the sky and murdered him with a few needles. Then, I threw some poisonous smoke bombs at those that were trying to run. Their explosions also helped spread the fire more quickly, which ended up serving double duty.

“I can’t see where I’m going because of the smoke!” One shouted.

“Damn, where did she go!?” Another said.

“I’m gonna die!” A third one screamed.

While they panicked, I quickly escaped the area before the fire reached me, though I made sure to scatter more fuel through the areas I passed, just in case any of them was trying to follow me.

And then… I guess I earned quite a few points from this? And my kill count from the event went up by more than a hundred due to this fire. Seems like this was a good idea after all.

It wouldn’t be fun to use the same method again though, I wonder how should I ‘play’ with the next group that comes after me…

Chapter 52 – The Second Day Of The Event

('Playmate's' Point of View)

"Huff… Huff…" I panted as I ran with all my might… I couldn't stop running. Why… Why is she coming!? Things were going so well, so why!? "Just why is this happening!?"

"This will be alright, let's just keep running silently-" The person next to me was saying, but…

"He was hit!" I screamed as he died. An iron ball suddenly blew out his head, and then he disappeared… "Just where is she aiming from!?"

"I have no idea! Let's just get out of here!" Another of my companions said.

We thought it would be a good idea to aim for the Genocider because she was displayed at the minimap often, but after over a hundred players that had moved in her direction disappeared, we quickly gave up and decided to run away instead… But then we were unlucky and were displayed in the map shortly after, and now the Genocider is after us!

"Ugah!" One scream…

"Geh!" Another one…

Two more players were just shot. One through the head and the other through the chest… How can she aim at us when we can't even see her!? And we shouldn't even be visible in the minimap anymore, so how!?

As I thought about that, an iron ball exploded right next to me. From inside it, various debris were spread everywhere, as well as a poisonous gas. I felt like a prey running from a merciless predator, desperately going from left to right when in truth there was nowhere to escape to.

“Guh!” Someone screamed…

“Buha!” And one more…

Two more dead… We only have ten people left out of the big group we had before… Ah! Incoming!

“I won’t die like this!” I shouted.

While making full use of my <Sword Art – Master> skill, I activated the <Gale Sword> to cut the iron ball in half. “How about that-” I shouted.

… I was so happy that I had avoided it, that I ended up relaxing for a moment. By the time I realized it, I was already back at the Beginner’s City. I didn’t even see what killed me.

“She’s crazy…” I muttered to no one in particular. Then I just laid down on the spot. Looking around, I could see that there were a fair bit of people in the same situation as me.

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(Rena’s Point of View)

And that’s another one down. On the first day I had been able to find ‘playmates’ without even trying, but… Everyone that was coming for me started running for some reason. I have no idea why, but if they won’t come for me, I’ll have to go after them.

To effectively kill multiple fleeing players that were originally coming from different directions, I combined the <Assassination Art> with <Marking> and <Throw> skills, which made the <Snipe> skill. Then I corrected the trajectory with the <Meteor> skill, which allowed me to do super long-

range killing. I can't use that without seeing the targets, but it's surely convenient anyways.

Their numbers surely fell by a lot by now. Though I suppose it can't be helped when I have been sniping them all day-long while still moving forward.

What's left are… One party to the north, two to the East and three people to the southwest. I guess I'll clean up those in the southwest and then head northeast. It's convenient for killing the remaining parties and also for clashing with the Rank #1 Order player and the Rank #2 Chaos player.

Finishing up with the last few Iron Balls that I was throwing against the southwestern players, I started running northeast while sniping the players on the north and on the east.

… I hope 'playing' against the high rank players will be more fun than this. Being high ranked doesn't necessarily means they're strong, but I guess I'll at the very least earn a lot of points.

Though I wonder what kind of people they are, I'm a bit uneasy about the name of the Rank #1 player of the Order faction for sure…

Chapter 53 – The Third Day Of The Event

(Rena's Point of View)

I woke up at the top of a tree in the middle of the event's field. The speed at which we feel the passage of time has been increased during the event, so by the end of the event not even a day would have passed in the real world… Nonetheless, by the time night falls I still end up getting sleepy, so I had to sleep in order to be fully rested. It was a bit annoying, but there was no way around it.

On the plus side though, it seems like I'll finally be able to meet the top players from the Chaos and Order factions today. We have gradually approached one another, but they don't seem to want to meet each other, so we have more or less ran around in circles so far. Best I can do is chase after their general direction once they appear in the map.

It almost feels like a game of tag… Well, in any case we'll probably end up meeting by noon at this rhythm.

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(Pervert Gentleman's Point of View)

Blossom is getting in the way… She is somewhat selfish and definitely wants to stand out. No doubt she is after the Genocider who is more well-known than her. Because of her the three of us have yet to meet directly and are instead trying to find each other from far away…

“Mmm!” I shouted as I crushed an iron ball that came from afar. It was probably sent by the Genocider as she estimated my position from the minimap display. They’re not a danger to me, but this is still troublesome.

Where could she be though? There is still some time before she shows up again in the minimap… Wait a minute, is that…?

The heavens must be on my side. My <Far Sight> skill allowed me to see the Genocider’s position at last… We can finally meet!

I ran with overflowing vigor and passion, approaching her with unstoppable momentum and trampling the ground… “Muscle power!” I screamed.

“What!?” She said.

My attack was powered by the <Martial Art – Master> skill. I used the <Explosive Crush> skill by merging the <Heavy Blow> and <Vibration> skills. She tried putting a <Holy Barrier> in front of me, but even that was immediately crushed like a piece of paper, blowing her away!

However, while she flew with a sonic boom, she was also able to throw a needle towards me, which I avoided by making a mid-air turn to the side.

“Agh!” I shouted as I was blown away by her kick that hit my face directly. She probably predicted that I would dodge the needle and moved accordingly to hit me while I had lost sight of her. To think she was able to cover all that distance she had flown in this short time, she is certainly an enemy worth facing…

“So you’re my new enemy… However, what kind of pervert are you? You’re missing a few too many clothes.” She commented after positioning herself at a comfortable distance.

She probably only had an opportunity to take a proper look at my beautiful body now. This perfect muscled body covered by black boomerang pants held together by suspenders, paired together with white knee socks!

“Do you like it? I personally think I’m a work of art.” I told her.

“… Is that so?” She answered… It seems like I’m too stimulating for her, could she perhaps be a maiden? She doesn’t seem to be aware of it, but she cannot fool the game’s system. Her whole face is red right now… She must definitely be fascinated by my figure though.

“I’m overflowing!” I shouted.

“… I see. Could you be the Pervert Gentleman?” She asked with an exhausted voice. Perhaps a disappointed one.

I was a bit surprised that she found my identity this quickly, but I suppose it’s because there aren’t that many players that appear in the minimap at an interval close to hers, so there probably weren’t many people to choose from.

“That’s right, and I was looking forward to meeting you!” I told her.

“… Well… I was looking forward to killing you… Was.” She said without a tinge of enthusiasm on her voice. Just what could have made her lose the hype for a battle!? That’s no good!

“What’s wrong with us having our little fun honeymoon?” I asked her… She stayed silent. “It’s lonely to talk to myself, you know?” … She remained silent. “I guess it can’t be helped. It’s the duty of the expert to make the inexperienced people scream in joy with my special techniques!” It’s a bit lonely like this, but I am used to this kind of handicap. I’ll show her how nice of a gentleman I can be with all my strength! “Now, let’s go!”

“… Die.” While I lifted my fists, she pulled out her shortsword with one hand while preparing throwing weapons with her other. She is giving off a murderous aura, but… I’m excited!

Chapter 54 – The Third Day Of The Event (Part 2)

While unsheathing my shortsword, I threw a poison needle and approached my opponent. I thought he would swing his fist at the needle, which would momentaneously stun him, but he instead dodged the needle by changing his posture slightly.

I didn't stop my approach nonetheless. As soon as he was in range I tried stabbing his neck with my shortsword. He dodged it by bending his neck and making a nasal roar. After that he tried hitting me with a jump kick from below, but I dodged by spinning backwards.

Then, I pierced his knee with a few poison needles, and as soon as he landed, I hit one of the needles with my shortsword and made it go deep into his body. Following that, I hit his Adam's apple, pierced his nose and shot a roundhouse kick at his crotch.

He seemed to be quite frightened by my attacks, and once the last kick landed his face was distorted in pain… That happened because he exposed his weaknesses in such an easy to target manner… And I don't like seeing this on top of that.

Putting up with the annoying sight, I swung my shortsword at his neck, but my wrist was grabbed and then he threw me at the ground. I tried cutting his wrist out, but he released me to dodge, then tried grabbing my wrist with his other hand. Before he could, I jumped away and we went back to a neutral position.

"To think you'd aim at a gentleman's crotch…" He said.

“I’ll grind it and feed it to pigs.” I answered.

In the first place, I think it’s a bad idea to expose your weaknesses like this. Where is the defensive power in this getup? Is there a skill that gives him a bonus if he doesn’t equip any armor? Just like how the power of <Martial Arts> increases if he doesn’t use any weapon? Well, in any case, it’s about time to finish the pervert for good.

“I found you, Genocider!” I heard a girl shout… Is there a new opponent? I do remember there being two big markers on the map so this must be the other one. Though she was supposedly to be on my camp…

In any case, I stopped my attack on the pervert and dodged her scythe blow with a backstep. Her attack created a shockwave that blew up the nearby trees and also wounded the pervert who had just recovered from my last attacks.

“I finally found you! Now I’ll beat you and… Wha-what!? What is that thing!?” She screamed.

“Mmm? Do you perhaps mean me?” The pervert asked.

“Who else other than a pervert like you!?” She answered.

“That is a bit too much, please refer to me as the Pervert Gentleman.” He replied.

“Just what’s the difference anyways!?” She exclaimed.

I guess there is a difference in his eyes… Maybe. I decided to stop paying attention to him and focused on her instead. She uses a scythe that seems pretty hard to handle, but considering how powerful that blow I just dodged was, it seems to be quite dangerous. Her gothic outfit looks good on her in any case.

“There’s a big difference! I’m the Pervert Gentleman! I make sure to retain my gentleman ways so that I don’t become just a pervert!” He answered her.

“Is that so…” She seemed to not care for his explanation at all. I didn’t either, so I figured we should go back to the combat. I threw poison needles at them both, and also attached the ones thrown at the girl with explosives so that I can block her eyesight with the smoke.

“Ah! Annoying!” She screamed.

While she was distracted, I ran towards the pervert and tried to stab his heart with my shortsword.

“Five rules of the gentleman’s path! Number one!” He screamed while activating some sort of skill. Immediately after, I felt some pressure from above, so I stepped backwards… In the place I was in just a second ago, a big hole appeared. “Always distrust your own correctness!”

“What is this pervert talking about…?” Was he dissatisfied from being treated as just a pervert? It doesn’t matter, let’s just keep attacking.

Before that though, I jumped away from the swing that came from the girl’s scythe, then held its handle and pulled the girl near me. I tried thrusting my dagger into her neck, but the pervert used the opportunity to try punching me, so I had to dodge instead.

“Rule number two! Believing is a virtue, but one shouldn’t get negligent!” He shouted while trying to hit me with some jabs. I dodged them and occasionally cut his arm with my shortsword, but he is probably using the <Hardening> skill, as the wounds were always shallow.

“You’re not really going to say all of them, are you?” I asked.

“I don’t know! That depends on how fast you die!” He answered.

“That’s quite unpleasant.” I replied.

A scythe came from the side and hit the place I was just at. Immediately after, the girl hit the pervert’s chin with a thrown stone and then started attacking him with a series of swings. He hesitated a bit to move closer

when faced with such a large weapon, but eventually he jumped in and punched her nose.

“You might think that this is not appropriate treatment for a lady, but rule three of the gentleman’s path says that there is no universal justice in this world!” He exclaimed.

In the meanwhile I tried to behead her, but the pervert jumped in with a kick and forced me to dodge. This three-way fight is surprisingly tough. Mainly because there are probably other players watching the fight though, so I don’t want to end it by showcasing too many of my tools…

“This pervert is disgusting! Absolutely the worst! And you’re even stealing my spotlight! Die!” The girl screamed while swinging her scythe.

“Whoa! That was dangerous… Gentleman’s path rule four, ignorance is arrogance, erudition is humbleness… Right?” He stated while dodging.

“You aren’t sure yourself?” I asked him… They’re sure quite the characters. The pervert who continues to blurb out his rules, and the scythe girl who wants to stand out even in the middle of a battle. They make for an interesting sight, but they’re not the kind of people I want to get involved with.

“And gentleman’s path rule five! Don’t suppress yourself! Expose yourself!” He shouted.

“… You really did go all the way to the end.” I commented.

“But of course, and now the conditions are met!” He exclaimed… I wonder what he meant by this. I suppose I should be a bit cautious just in case.

“Oath, I am the one who crushes those who deny my path.” He started… That… That’s an oath skill? I still don’t know how to acquire one of those myself, yet he already got it? “Oath, I’m the one who never betrays those that reaffirm their own paths.”

I knew that players could acquire oaths as well, but I never thought someone else would have already gotten it. I assumed he was just a pervert, but isn’t this actually getting interesting?

“Hmph! Oath, I’m the one who stands above all who glitter.” The girl started saying as well… Is she also…? “Oath, I’m always shining.”

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Race: Half-Demon

Name: Pervert Gentleman Lv.48 << +10 >>

Karma value: 112 <<Good>>

Class: Boxer; Second Class: Martial Artist; Third Class: Exhibitionist

Condition: Exposure << The larger the exposed area, the higher the defensive power: Large >>

Oath: Gentleman’s path << STR increase: max; VIT increase: max; constant HP decrease: 3%/1s >>

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Race: Mermaid

Name: Blossom Lv.51 << +10 >>

Karma value: -111 << Evil >>

Class: Scythe Master; Second Class: Dancer; Third Class: Idol

Condition: Short temper << Attack power increases as you curse things you dislike: Large >>

Oath: I'm the best <<STR increase: max; DEX increase: max; constant HP decrease: 3%/1s>>

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Now that they finished buffing, they seem ready to fight. It seems like there are pre-requisites for activating the oaths… Although, isn't the pervert just preaching about his ways? And I wonder what allowed Blossom to activate hers. Also, how do I learn those…? Well, they certainly won't tell me, but that's fine. Now how I defeat them without showing too many of my tricks? Isn't this similar to fighting with my hands tied behind my back… Wait, that would be no good near the pervert!

"Let me show you the splendor of my body!" The pervert exclaimed.

"I'm the only one that can stand out!" The girl shouted.

"This is fun, isn't it?" I said while giggling.

We glared at each other for a second before all three of us rushed to the center of the battlefield.

Chapter 55 – The Third Day Of The Event (Part 3)

“<Masochist tendency>” The pervert said.

“<Sadist tendency>” Blossom said.

I wondered what those two meant. They’re probably healing skills, otherwise they probably wouldn’t use the Oaths due to their HP consumption.

Well, in that case… How about I do this, “<Devilish Telepathy>; <High Enchantment: Darkness Abyss>; <Enchantment: Physical Might>; <Enchantment: Physical Barrier>; <Enchantment: Accelerate>” It’s probably okay to show this much. Most people will probably think I’m just using a bunch of buff spells anyways.

“You’re doing weird things again!” Blossom exclaimed while trying to attack me with her scythe.

“Are you always this angry?” I asked her while parrying her swing with my shortsword, then I held the scythe’s handle and pulled her closer with my superhuman strength and Inoue’s assistance. Afterwards, as the pervert tried punching me, I threw her in his way as a human shield.

“Kya!” She exclaimed as she was hit.

“Mmm?” The pervert seemed surprised by this outcome.

Not waiting for any of them to recover, I quickly approached Blossom, who had lost her balance, and hit her hard enough to throw her high in the sky.

Afterwards, I threw a poison needle at her defenseless flying body, then turned towards the pervert.

I first avoided his incoming punch, then held his elbow and threw him over my shoulder. I threw a poison needle at him as well, but couldn't give chase since Blossom had already recovered while still mid-air and shouted, "Don't get cocky!"

She swung her scythe from up high. I tried dodging it by jumping backwards, but the shockwave of the attack hit me anyways… It seems to be a long range attack that goes in a long straight-line. I should dodge to the sides next time. For now, let's drink a potion to cure its cut.

"The top players are fighting!" A bystander exclaimed.

"I'm betting on the mermaid!" A second one said.

"I would be happy if one of them could stab me…" A weirdo commented.

As expected, other players came to see the battle. I suppose it can't be helped when three high-rank players gather together, especially when considering how often we are shown in the minimap.

"Seems like we have an audience now." The pervert commented.

"And they're acting just like your typical small fries…" Blossom said angrily, as usual.

There seem to be over a dozen players watching already. It's a pretty small amount when compared to the total number of players in the event, but when we consider the size of this map, it ends up being likely that they have been chasing us since day one… It doesn't really matter though.

"We should aim for the Genocider first!" One of the bystanders said.

"Well, isn't that obvious?" Another commented.

"Rather, if we don't kill her, we'll definitely be killed instead." A third one said.

Why are they all going for me…? Well, having a large number of enemies only makes things better!

“What!? Genocider is mine!” Blossom shouted.

“Mmm, is this girls’ love?” The pervert commented.

“Shut up!” Blossom exclaimed while swinging her scythe at him.

You can duke it out if you want, but I’m not gonna miss this opportunity, alright?

First, I grabbed the kusarigama that was going my way and pulled it together with its owner by using Inoue’s help. Then I kicked its wielder, forcing him to let go of the weapon and fall to the ground. Afterwards, I stomped his neck, killing him.

Next, I jumped on top of a spearman that was trying to pierce me. I used the recently stolen kusarigama to behead him, and then used his falling body as a stepping stone to jump towards an approaching swordsman. I strangled him to death with the kusarigama’s chain, and then threw his body towards the nearest person. Inoue is surely helping me a lot today, I’m pleased.

Inoue seemed to be happy with the praise. Meanwhile, I threw an iron ball at some of the players in the back to stop them from running, then rushed to the middle of them. One of their swordsman made a desperate swing against me, but I just grabbed his body and used it as a shield against a punch that came from the pervert… The meatshield exploded though, that was surprising.

“Oh my…” I commented.

“Mmm, so you still use other players as shields?” The pervert asked.

“That’s why small fries are just a bother! Hurry up and die!” Blossom shouted while trying to swing her scythe at me.

To block her attack, I threw a bystander with a bomb inside him towards her. Her blow killed him, but also triggered the explosion, which not only

blinded both her and the pervert, but also protected me from her attack. Then, I used my shortsword to block an arrow, pierced an axman with the same shortsword before he was able to hit me, then used him as a shield to block an incoming spell. Immediately after, I jumped away from Blossom's scythe, threw the axman as a living bomb towards her, and then threw his axe towards a healer that was on the back of the bystander group.

Then, I threw a piece of iron at a guy with a dagger, and used his head as a foothold to jump high. Following that I threw a bunch of explosives with poisonous gas everywhere, making it hard to see while also damaging everybody.

"Things surely get lively when we have a lot of enemies, don't they?" I asked nobody in particular.

"I can't even see what's happening anymore…" The pervert replied.

You say that, but both of you are actually killing other players too, aren't you? Why am I the only one excited about it?

… Oh well, let's say goodbye here, "<Heavy Blow>; <Acceleration>; <Rotation>; <Enlarge>… <Meteor Shower>!" After strengthening the special iron ball that I had used as fireworks before, I used this skill to throw the iron ball against everyone. And then it split up mid-air into multiple objects!

The result was pretty amazing. The entire field of vision was filled with light, then it felt like all sound had disappeared, and what followed it was a huge explosion that made a big soundwave that spread everywhere. The crater that came out of it was so big that it felt as if the ground was just scooped up with a giant spoon.

"Guh…" The pervert grumbled.

"You must be kidding me…" Blossom complained.

"I'm surprised, you're still alive?" I told them. Basically all the other nearby players were evaporated by this explosion, and those two survived

even though their oaths were surely draining their health? I wonder how can they endure that much…? Well, it doesn't matter, this is the end, "A fight against other players, that's the first time I enjoyed one this much."

"… That's the most important thing…" The pervert muttered.

"Unforgivable… Absolutely unforgivable…" Blossom said. She was being a bit noisy, so I beheaded her with her own scythe.

"You're still as merciless as always…" The pervert commented.

"That was a pretty merciful death though?" I told him.

"… Is that so?" He didn't seem to believe me.

"Well, then." Let's have a bit of a revenge on this pervert. Respawn after suffering my secret technique, Nutcracker!

"…!" He seemed to be unable to make a sound as he died… I didn't like the fact I turned red when I first met him, but I guess things are fine now.

… Oh my, I got a lot of points in one go from this battle. Let's keep on enjoying the event like this.

Chapter 56 – The Fourth Day Of The Event

“Stop…! Let go of me!” Said the girl.

“We’re almost there, please wait a little more.” I said as I grabbed the hair of the only survivor of a party I annihilated a small while back, and dragged her. She seemed to be a popular streamer of sorts, and even now she was still streaming her playthrough, which was quite useful as there were undoubtedly a fair number of sources of points watching even now.

“Help me, everyone!” She exclaimed. It was fairly impressive that she kept using her fairy-like camera to stream even in this situation. “You really don’t need to do this, alright? We’re both girls, so let’s get along!” I’m sure plenty of fresh and lively fishes will bite this bait… “You really don’t want to get along…?”

“Seems like we have arrived.” I said joyfully. She seemed to be a bit scared when she saw our destination, but I didn’t really mind it. “Let’s go inside.”

She started screaming a bit as I dragged her inside the dark cave, so I tried calming her down a bit, “It’s alright, I won’t do anything particularly horrible to you.”

“I can’t believe you! Please, viewers, help me soon!” She shouted.

“Yes, please do come soon, otherwise I might do something if I end up getting bored.” I said while smiling at the camera and giving them a small wink.

After that, it was waiting time. It took a bit longer than expected, since they should have been coming after me since the time I started dragging this girl around, but eventually I started hearing their voices from within the cave's entrance.

"Over here!" "We have found it!" The players said. It seemed to be quite the large group, so they probably took a while to get here because they were grouping up first… Well, it doesn't matter much in the end.

"Please hurry up and save me!" The girl screamed.

"Just you wait, Meiru! We'll rescue you right now!" One of them screamed.

"Prepare yourself, Genoci-" Another started saying while approaching us… Enough of them seemed to be inside the cave already though, so I decided it was about time for me to start acting, which obviously removing the need of hearing him until the end.

"<Darkness Domain>" I said while activating a spell with the aid of Kageyama's <Black Magic>. It made the entire cave much darker than it already was, making it basically impossible for them to see anything.

"Be careful!" One shouted.

"Someone use light magic already!" Another said while panicking.

Before they could react to it, I cut off the hair of this Meiru girl. She seemed to take a while to understand what just happened.

While she recovered, I approached the group and used her hair as a rope to choke the person that looked like the party's leader. This triggered the <Surprise Attack> and <Assassination Art> skills, quickly killing him before he had a chance to scream and warn the others that I was already this close.

Meanwhile, the girl finally let out a panicked scream as she seemed to realize what I did to her hair.

"Wh-what happened, Meiru?" One person said.

“Did the Genocider do something horrible after all?” Another asked… That’s a bit rude. I didn’t do anything horrible.

In any case, she ran to the center of the disorganized bunch. Maybe if the leader was still around, he’d help them remember the situation and stay alert, but right now they were all frolicking towards her while trying to understand what just happened.

“Where are you!?” One asked.

“M-my hair!” She seemed to still be in disbelief.

“Meiru, I’m coming!” Another said.

This is way too easy… Well, just in case, let’s use some poisonous gas on top of everything else.

“Gah! What’s this!?” One of them exclaimed as he saw the poisonous cloud surrounding them. It’s a colored gas to boot, so even if they were able to cleanse my <Darkness Domain>, they’d still have their vision impaired by the poison. Not to mention the cave itself already makes it hard to see.

“Well, time to say goodbye.” I told no one in particular.

At that point, I activated all the explosives I had scattered around while dragging the girl around the cave. The explosion was big enough to collapse the cave and bury almost all of them below a pile rubble.

“And to be sure there are no survivors… <Growing Flames> and <Breeze>.” As soon as I finished casting those spells, I quickly left the cave in case the rest of it collapsed and buried me together with the group.

Surprisingly, the explosion also caused a landslide that ended up killing most of their secondary group that was waiting on the foot of the mountain that the cave was in. It really worked out much better than expected.

Once the landslide finished doing its job, I quickly approached the few survivors of the second group, killed a man with a kick to the neck,

beheaded a warrior, and threw a scrap of iron through the head of a fleeing player… That should wrap it up.

Now let's see… Wow, I really got a lot of points this time around. There surely were a lot of people, but they also seem to be high-leveled… I suppose that's understandable though, over half of the players that were in the event must be gone already, so whoever is still around must be quite tough.

I wonder if that Han… Hannes guy and Yuu are still alive… It should be about time for us to meet now, shouldn't it?

Chapter 57 – The Fifth Day Of The Event

“Watch your step.” I said as I pierced the throat of the last nearby enemy… It’s easy to do surprise attacks in this snowy field due to the constant blizzard that makes it really hard to see, but the unstable foothold is a bit of a problem.

I wonder if that guy will come soon… Considering the last displays of the minimap, that Han… Hannes guy that declared war on me should reach this snowy mountain tomorrow…

“I suppose I should hurry up and meet them…

“Oh, Yuu!” I was about to leave, but who’d have guessed I’d find him here.

“Geh!” He screamed. I wonder why he came out of the ground, right below my feet to boot…

“… Just what’s up with this noise you just made?” I asked him. ‘Geh’ was a really weird reaction.

“Ah, that? You know…” He seemed to be trying to formulate an excuse while he got up.

“… Hey, were you perhaps abandoned here by your friends?” I mean, it really was weird that he came out of the ground like this…

“Eh? N-no! I mean, we’re friends from real life, alright? We’re all on the verification team! You don’t need to feel sorry for me!” He hurriedly explained, but his exaggerated motions just made him look more pitiful, though also a bit funny.

“Were you hurt?” I asked him.

“Eh? Only by you…” He replied.

“You got my point!” I said while throwing a snowball with iron scraps inside it. He shouted in pain once it hit him, but he deserved it for his attitude.

“Wait wait, I’m sorry! So please calm down!” He desperately begged.

“No quarters!” I happily shouted while throwing more iron-filled snowballs. His karma is surely high and probably over one hundred already, I can’t simply let him go.

“Damn it! <Otaku Magic>: <Blending With The Background>!” He… Disappeared? No, not quite, he is still there, but he is so hard to see now, almost as if he was air. It also looks as if my attacks would slipping right through him right now… Though it probably won’t happen.

On that note, his skills are all really weird and mysterious. It’s a bit troublesome that they’re so unpredictable, but he was supposed to be weak, wasn’t he? Though that was my first impression, he might actually be somewhat strong.

“Please don’t find me…” He muttered.

“I refuse!” I told him.

“Why!? In that case… <Dumbass Magic>: <Convenience Store>!” He used what…?

Is he summoning a convenience store? I was wary, but nothing seemed to be happening… Wait, something did happen. I got a status aliment with an icon that looks just like a convenience store… “Just what does this do…!?” I was asking, until a car suddenly passed near me at a really high speed.

“Yes! A rare pull!” He exclaimed. So this is a spell with multiple effects and he happened to get a good one? With the car running this quickly and supporting Yuu. This could be a bit of a problem… Well, let’s just cut it too

pieces while getting closer to him. “Hey! Isn’t this way too absurd!? How can you properly deal with a car that moves this fast!?” He screamed

“Are you ready, Yuu?” I asked him while walking near.

“Absolutely not! <Weed>; <Toxic Twitter>!” Just what will this spell do…?

A bunch of grass came from under the snow and tried to entangle me. Also, some people in skin-tight clothes also appeared and surrounded me…

“You seem to somehow be prepared for every situation, and even has magic that can summon other people? How come?” I asked him nonchalantly.

“That’s the only way an otaku like myself can stay safe from harm!” He gave a confusing answer. “There’s no way I’d be able to handle the school bullies otherwise!”

“So… You’re saying that you have to use this kind of method because I lack humanity?” You know, I was starting to get annoyed by those skin-tight people around me and their dirty laughs, I felt like taking it out on someone… “Say, Yuu…?”

“Eek!” He screamed. He seemed a bit terrified of me, but that was the result of his choices. While removing the grass that was holding me with <Ignition> and getting rid of the surrounding group of people with kicks to their necks, I started throwing poison needles at Yuu.

“<Wall Off The World>!” He used another weird skill that somehow saved him… That said, we were still pretty close to one another. So… Let’s take care of this for good.

“<Overwhelmingly Buffed>: <Break The Speed Limit>; <Overwhelmingly Buffed>: <High Enchantment: Accelerate>; <Overwhelmingly Buffed>: <Enchantment: Accelerate>!” He casted one buff after another and then… Ran away?

I guess I got caught up in his pace and ended up missing my chance. We didn’t ‘play’ enough though…

Not to mention he also made sure to drop as many obstacles as possible in the way so that I couldn’t easily pursue him… It’s a bit annoying, but I guess I’ll let him go for now. Though by the last day I’ll definitely find him again and ‘play’ properly… This is fun.

For now, I cut the car in half, beheaded the remaining people with skin-tight clothes, burned the grass and jumped over his wall. Then, I continued moving through the mountains.

Chapter 58 – The Sixth Day Of The Event

Seems like I've lost him… I chased Yuu the whole day, but he was so fast that I just couldn't find him at all. He should still be in this area according to the minimap though…

"There!" Someone exclaimed while shooting an arrow at me, which I narrowly dodged.

"I've finally found you!" That Han… Hannes guy said.

"Ah, so it's you guys…" It seems like it's finally time for us to 'play'.

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(Hannes' Point of View)

"You didn't forget it…?" I asked just to be sure.

"I remember it, Han… Hannes." She said.

"Focus! We're in a dangerous situation right now!" Eleanor shouted.

We were finally here. We had to fight so many mobs to reach this place, all for the goal of defeating her… And yet she still has a hard time remembering my name. Though it's still progress from before I guess… That's still not okay!

"Come on, you didn't perchance get so entranced by meeting her that you forgot that we're here to fight, did you, Hannes?" Eleanor asked mockingly.

“Yep, that must definitely be it.” Myra complemented.

“Sh-shut up!” I shouted at them. That’s not what I was thinking about at all! I just wanted her to properly remember my name! “I-in any case, everything will be alright, we’ll definitely win this time!”

“Mmm, yeah, definitely.” Ryne agreed.

“Yes! I’ll win and tell her what I want to tell her!” Cherry cheered.

“And I guess I’ll ask for her contact information?” Kellin mused.

“Oh? So this is why you wanted to win this badly? Now what should I do about this…?” The Genocider commented in the middle of our conversation.

… Damn it! I can’t believe we gave that’s impression!

No, wait, ignore all that, ignore it. Let’s just focus on the battle at hand… We raised our weapons and said in unison, “Let’s go!”

I led the assault by rushing forward and making an horizontal swing with my axe… However, before I could get to her, she threw something my way. I tried ducking to dodge, but the poor foothold made me slip and roll on the snow instead.

“Be careful, everyone. Think of everything she throws as poisonous!” I reminded them while I got up and back at the fray.

“Roger that!” Myra said while she shot an arrow at the Genocider to stop her from moving closer to me while I was off-balance.

“Ooh, incredible!” The Genocider seemed to be praising us.

“Don’t look away from your enemies!” I told her while running in her direction.

“I also like girls with gaps!” Kellin said while trying to stab her.

She however, just giggled as she kicked his spear up and used her shortsword to parry my axe. Then she kicked us both in the stomach, sending us flying.

“<Mid-Tier Healing>!” Cherry supported us.

“<Crimson Blade>!” Ryne also attacked to buy us time.

Regaining my posture, I also went back to the fray right away… However, the Genocider dodged my axe, parried Ryne’s longsword with her shortsword’s handle, grabbed Kellin’s spear and pulled him in before kicking him away again… This is still pretty one-sided, isn’t it?

We tried attacking again, but she dodged Ryne’s swing, got to his back, held his wrist and hit his forehead with his own sword’s pommel.

Trying to help him, I tried swinging my axe at her to force her to move away.

“Perfect timing! <Blazing Explosion – Huge>!” Eleanor shouted her spell.

“<Lightning Storm>!” Myra also shot her skill with her bow.

There’s no way the Genocider would be able to handle all those attacks after she just retreated, right? She shouldn’t even have a proper footing right now.

She dodged it all… How is she even human? I can’t believe this… But at least, we bought enough time.

“Sorry for making you all wait! <Full Resonance – Mother’s Devotion>!” Cherry chanted.

“Alright! It’s coming!” I cheered.

Cherry will be buffing all of our stats and skills with the special buff she obtained in a unique quest. We’ll even get an HP regeneration effect.

“<High Enchantment: Earth’s Emblem>; <High Enchantment: Storm of Ruin>; <High Enchantment: Glorious Prominence>; <High Enchantment: Sharp Lightning>!” She blessed us with all those without taking a break.

And then, Eleanor helped out as well, “<Widespread Blessing: Flame Ward>!” Reducing the damage from fire while also increasing our defense… There’s no way we’ll lose with all of this!

“You really did it all in one breath, huh?” The Genocider seemed amused. “<Body Enhancement: Slaughterer’s Organs>!” What!? Did she really acquire this type of skills as well? Those that are on par with the ones used by the knight Alexei!? “<Devilish Telepathy>; <High Enchantment: Glorious Prominence>; <High Enchantment: Storm of Ruin>; <High Enchantment: Darkness Abyss>; <High Enchantment: Light’s Devotion>…”

“We-we need more buffs!” I asked Eleanor and Cherry.

“R-roger!” Eleanor said. “<Widespread Blessing: Holy Protection>!”

Meanwhile, the Genocider continued, <High Enchantment: Physical Might>; <High Enchantment: Physical Barrier>…” Just how many buffs does she have!?

“<Widespread Blessing: Blazing Charge>!” Eleanor casted as well.

“<High Enchantment: Accelerate>.” The Genocider said… Did she finally stop? Just how much did she strengthen herself? How did she learn all this magic by herself? And even when we consider that we’re a party and she is solo, fighting against this many buffs doesn’t look good…

“… This might be kinda troublesome.” Kellin commented.

“This is really no good…” Ryne complemented.

“Just how much is she still hiding…?” Cherry said in disbelief.

It really couldn’t helped. Considering that not even Alexei with all his buffs could beat her, there’s no way we’ll all survive this battle, even if we

somehow win.

Still… “I’ll definitely win.” I told everyone.

“Well, shall we start round two?” The genocider said while giggling.

This time I’ll definitely do it. I’ll put my life on the line, and defeat this smiling devil together with my friends!

Chapter 59 – The Sixth Day Of The Event (Part 2)

This has been a surprisingly fun battle to ‘play’ in so far. I keep seeing skills that I had never heard of before and it’s getting me more and more excited.

The axeman swung his weapon down with a roar, it was loud enough to the point I momentaneously couldn’t hear anything else.

However, I dodged it anyways and used my shortsword to parry the incoming longsword blow, then stepped backwards to leave the attacking spear right between me and the swordsman. Immediately after, I held the longsword and used its pommel to hit the right eye of the spearman.

As he grumbled in pain, I kicked his knee and made him fall down the mountain’s slope. Afterwards, I parried another blow from the swordsman with my shortsword, held his arm, twisted it, and then kicked his elbow in the opposite direction the joint moves.

While he screamed in pain, their mages started casting, “<High Enchantment: Intelligence>” and the other used “<Quintuple Explosion>!”

I dodged the incoming axe blow while throwing a poison needle at its wielder. Then, I rushed towards the mages while dodging their spell.

Next, I dodged the spear blow that came from the guy that had fallen down, jumped on top of his head and used him as a foothold to jump further ahead. There were arrows coming my way, but by combining the <Downburst> spell of Azabu’s <Gale Magic> and the <Grand Fire> spell of

Yamada's <Flame Magic>, I was able to blow away all the arrows while blocking their view.

Then, by targeting their healer and mage with the <Marking> skill, I threw iron balls at them with the speed of a bullet!

"Ho-<Holy Wall>!

"Ky-kyaa!" It seems like the healer tried to put up a barrier, but she was unable to block my projectiles, so I successfully got rid of two of their supporters.

"Damn it! <Great War Cascade>!" The archer shouted her skill.

"Oh my…" I expressed as I saw it coming.

"Wa-wait!" Hannes (?) said, but it was too late.

I grabbed the neck of the nearby spearman that was rushing my way and threw him in front of the incoming skill. Then I threw an iron ball filled with gunpowder at him to make sure he would not fly towards me after being hit by his own ally.

"… Idiot!" Hannes shouted as the spearman disappeared in the explosion.

I then dodged another arrow that was already coming at me, ducked below a sword attack, sneaked behind the swordsman and pierced his heart with my shortsword.

"Guh!" He groaned.

"Ryne!" Hannes shouted.

Before the swordsman could respawn and have his body disappear, I grabbed his ankle and quickly ran through the mountain while throwing a bunch of explosives at his mouth. Then, I used the <Boulder Throw> and the <Shooting Star> skills to throw his body as far as possible.

“Just where on Earth is she throwing…!?” Hannes asked, before seeing the body explode in the upper part of the mountain that is. The avalanche caused by the explosion made him return to his senses and shout, “Myra!”

“Futile!” I shouted as I threw explosives around the archer who was trying to escape.

“Myra!” He shouted again.

“Hannes-“ She started shouting, but was buried under the snow.

“Damn it all!” He shouted.

Now it was only me and him. This was pretty fun so far, they showed a lot of skills I hadn’t seen before, and their party cooperation was pretty great… This doesn’t feel like a fulfilling end to this battle.

“Well, it’s only you left…” I said without hiding my disappointment.

“… <Oath, I will overcome all tough enemies without yielding>!” He said… I started giggling. “<Oath, I’m the one who will stand firm even after all my comrades have fallen!” I could not control myself and started laughing out loud…

I can’t believe it… He was still hiding an ‘Oath’! “You really want to entertain me to the end by ‘playing’ with all you have, don’t you!?”

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Race: Human

Name: Hannes Lv.55 <+10>

Karma value: 91 <Good>

Class: Battle Axe Master; Second Class: Rigid Knight; Third Class: Earth Wizard

Status:

Challenge: <Attack power increases when challenging an opponent that you recognize as superior: Large>

Mother's Devotion: <All stats increased: Low; Strengthening enhancement efficiency increased: Large; Continuous HP recovery: Medium>

Attribute Granted to attacks: <Earth: Max>

Enhancements: <STR increase: Extra Large; VIT increase: Extra Large; AGI increase: Extra Large>

Blazing Charge: <Fire attribute to attacks: Medium; Attack power increase: Medium>

Flame Ward: <Increased Fire Resistance: Medium; Increased Defense: Medium>

Holy Protection: <Increased Light Resistance: Medium; Increased Defense: Medium>

Oath: Indomitable <STR increase: Max; VIT increase: Max; Constant HP decrease: 3%/1s>

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"From here onwards, it's an all-out short-term battle!" Hannes shouted.

He is right, the avalanche will be here in no time. And his 'Oath' won't let him stay alive for long anyways… In that case, I should also go all out.
"Very well, <Self-Alteration: Evil Medicine>!"

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Race: Human

Name: Rena Lv.44 <+20>

Karma value: -211 <Evil>

Class: Assassin; Second Class: Demons' Master; Third Class: Evil Doctor

Condition: Possessed <Kageyama>

Slaughterer's Organ: <STR increase: Extra Large; AGI increase: Extra Large>

Devilish Telepathy: <INT increase: Large; LUK increase: Large; Strengthening enhancement efficiency increased for servants: Large; Strengthening enhancement efficiency increase from servants: Large>

Evil Medicine: <STR increase: Extra Large; AGI increase: Extra Large; INT increase: Extra Large; VIT decrease: Extra large; Very poisonous state: Constant HP decrease: 2%/5s>

Attributes Granted to attacks: <Fire: Max; Wind: Max; Light: Max; Dark: Max>

Enhancements: <STR increase: Extra Large; VIT increase: Extra Large; AGI increase: Extra Large>

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"You still had more!?" Hannes asked in disbelief.

"Well, this is the grand finale, isn't it?" I said while giggling. I don't care if there are other players watching, I wanna enjoy this 'supreme play' to the utmost.

"Here I come!" He shouted.

"Here I come as well!" I shouted back without controlling my elation. We both had through smiles as we faced our ultimate enemies!

Chapter 60 – The Sixth Day Of The Event (Part 3)

As we restarted our fight, the sounds of metal hitting metal started echoing through the battlefield. However, I couldn't take his blows head on, as even with Inoue's and Yamada's assistance, there was a risk of my shortsword breaking if I seriously tried to block an axe's attack. So I mostly parried and dodged instead.

Hannes tried hitting me with a downwards swing of his axe, but I parried it and made use of the opportunity to try cutting his arm, but he moved it away in the last second, leaving only a small cut in his armpit.

Not letting go of the momentum, I used it to hit his left flank with a roundhouse kick, making him roll down the slope. Unfortunately the poor footing of the mountain also made me lose balance and roll down together with him.

Hannes used a skill to stop his momentum. Not missing the opportunity I threw a poison needle at him while also regaining my own posture. He blocked the needle, but the impact, paired together with the slippery ground, and the constant tremors from the incoming avalanche, ended up making him start rolling downwards again… And the same happened to me as I threw a poison needle while still off-balance myself.

As we got closer, Hannes tried to swing his axe against me while making use of the centrifugal force of his already fast rolling. I made use of my own momentum to jump over his attack and fall on his back, stabbing him.

After screaming in pain, he rolled even faster and swung his axe at me, forcing me to get away and back to a neutral position.

This time, he slammed the axe on the ground to stop his rolling, while I applied <Heat> to my feet to melt the snow and step on solid ground again, finally allowing me to regain my footing. We both stared at each other for a second, before I started giggling.

“Why are you laughing?” He asked.

“Ah, nothing much. I just didn’t expect it would this fun for us to try killing each other. ‘Playing’ with you has been a lot more enjoyable that I had originally thought it would be.” I explained.

“You… You’re absolutely nuts!” He shouted.

It really is a lot of fun though? I was thinking of hunting more important NPCs for a while longer, but I’ve been really surprised this time around, to think there was such a wonderful player growing stronger while I wasn’t looking!

As I thought about this, he rushed towards me again and made a wide swing with his axe, which I deflected to the side with my shortsword. The impact was enough to make me lose balance, and then he kept swinging and swinging it over and over again… Usually I’d be able to easily counterattack this, but the poor footing of the mountain is making it really hard for me to react to those attacks properly. It’s a simple, but effective strategy, however… It’s a bit too simple.

When he tried making his next swing, I purposefully let myself fall. While I started going down the slope again, I held his ankle and slammed him on the ground while we both slided down. He then created a wall between us with his <Earth Magic> to force me to let go of him. I tried throwing some scraps of iron at him while the wall was rising, but it was hard to hit his vitals under these conditions, so the damage was pretty small… Although we’re both losing health over time, so every little bit of damage matters.

After we both regained our footing and went back to a neutral position, Hannes started saying, “Mmm… At this rhythm, isn’t one of us just going to die from the HP depletion before we can actually settle this?”

“It certainly looks like that might happen… That’s not a very fulfilling finale.” I answered while in deep thought. We both weren’t attacking at the moment, but instead just sliding down the slope to avoid the avalanche… Nonetheless, if the fight keeps going like this, then the future he just predicted might become a reality… That would be… “Agh! That’s really no good!” I shouted, “I refuse to accept this kind of conclusion!

“And so…” I left my sentence out in the open for him.

He hesitated a bit, but he seemed to get what I wanted, “… Then, let’s end this with the next blow.”

“I wouldn’t want it any other way.” I said while giggling. He really doesn’t hold back in making this entertaining, does he?

Well, let’s then use the best skills available for ourselves at the moment. We both started chanting it at the same time even.

“<Shivel, god of the earth whose power comes from the great seven-colored god. My faith in you asks to be rewarded, please destroy your enemies and protect this humble lamb of yours, Hannes. Your blessing…”

“<Fanny, the naïve goddess who is only dwarfed by the god of corruption. Please use the body of your lamb, Rena, to destroy all those that defy your will and plunder all their belongings. Your blessing…”

“Please give it to me>!” “Hand it over>!”

We used the special chanting required to use the unique skill that calls a god from our karmic camp to grant a bit of their divine power and release it upon our enemies.

The skill itself has been available from the start, but its power depends on both one’s own karma and on their opponent’s as well, so it would be quite useless for a beginner. Not to mention that this long casting time, makes it incredibly hard to use in most situations… However, we’re not beginners and this is not one of those situations.

“<Ground Slam>!”

“<Innocent Game>!”

As Hannes shone with a dark red light, he charged directly towards me. I faced his attack head on with my own, and when they collided, a bright white light filled the entire field of vision… When the light faded and I opened my eyes, what I saw was…

Chapter 61 – The End Of The Event

… Seems like I have been blown pretty far away. Once my view cleared out, I found out that I wasn't in the Beginner's City, but instead stuck on the branches of a tree. I would have been in danger if Yamada and everyone else hadn't protected me just before our attacks collided.

After dropping down to the ground, I started saying, "I'm glad I could kill Hannes in a way that gave our fight a proper conclusion…" After checking the UI just to be sure, Hannes' name was listed as one of the people I killed, as well as the points I earned for defeating him, "I'm satisfied from this."

It really was awesome. 'Playing' with him made me very happy. For the most of the event I ended up holding back to avoid showing all my cards, but I'd surely be regretful if I died without going all out, but I felt nothing like that while 'playing' with Hannes.

That said… "Where are you going, Yuu?" I said while plunging my hand into the snowy ground and lifting him up by the neck.

"T-this can't be happening… I was sure I had escaped you, but then you suddenly came flying out of nowhere…" He said dejectedly.

"Such a pity, isn't it?" I said while giggling.

I kept a tight grip on his neck to stop him from escaping, and then whispered to him, "Hey, Yuu…" He blushed furiously and made an incomprehensible sound at that, "I didn't know you were so good at 'playing'."

“Eh? Well…” He seemed to not know how to reply.

I was really surprised, to think he could survive an encounter with me… But above all else, “You frustrated me quite a bit, you know?” I mean, what even was that <Toxic Twitter> spell? Could that even be called magic? “Well, are you ready this time around?” He gave another unintelligible reply, “Then, let’s ‘play’ some other time again, alright?” Following that, I squeeze his neck hard enough to kill him.

Now, I wonder if I can survive until the event’s end. I’ll spend the rest of the day in this tree to recover from my wounds and penalties from my skills, and then I’ll decide what to do next.

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Wow, they really don’t stop coming… It’s the last day of the event now, and I kept on killing the players that came after me time and time again. Their numbers are large, the time interval between attacks is short and there really is no end to them.

“Can we really take on the Genocider?” One of them asked their comrades.

“I don’t know, but we have to try!” Another said.

“There is no way we can do it…” A more realistic one claimed.

I grabbed a spear that was coming from behind me and used it to pierce the neck of an enemy that was approaching from the front. The spearman was surprised by this and lost his balance, so I used the opportunity to kick his neck and kill him.

“Damn it!” One shouted.

“Slacking off means death near the Genocider, stays sharp, everyone!” A leader-like person said.

… They’re really persistent. Just where is their motivation even coming from? I don’t even know them, but they seem to resent me for some reason.

Besides, while this would be a troublesome situation if I was surrounded by top players like Hannes, right now, even while still suffering from penalties, I think I'll be fine…

"Thank you all for your participation. The first event has now ended, so we'll now prepare the announcement of the rankings of the top players and factions. Please wait for a small while." Suddenly, I was teleported to the beginner's city and heard this announcement. Seems like the event ended in the middle of the fight, so we'll now get its closure… There are a lot of people here though, far more than when I first logged-in… It's crowded.

"I was so close!" A guy that I was about to kill said.

"Don't lie now…" One of their comrades said.

"I survived to the end!" Bystander A said.

"Hannes really did an amazing job, didn't he?" Bystander B said.

"It was a really amazing fight." Bystander C said.

"What was that <Net Magic> anyways?" Bystander D said.

"I wonder if anybody knows that…" Bystander E said.

Seems like everyone is discussing their impressions of the event. I can't find Yuu amongst the crowd though, so I didn't have anyone to talk to. I ended up just loitering around by myself until the announcement resumed.

"Hey, everyone! It's the management team!" That bald guy from the event's start said from the screen.

"Boss, please be more serious." One of his coworkers said.

"It's better like this than to be too stiff! Anyways, we will now announce the rankings!" The bald said. He seems to be quite the relaxed person.

More importantly though, let's check the rankings.

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From: KSO management

Subject: Final results of the first official event

Details: The individual rankings and party rankings will be analyzed both per karmic camp and in comparison to all other players. We'll only announce the top 5 of each category, but you can still check your own rankings in your status screen.

Individual Ranks:

Order

#1: Sumeragi <54000 Points>

#2: Luna <52000 Points>

#3: Dark Priest <48000 Points>

#4: Aaron <45000 Points>

#5: Hannes <42000 Points>

Chaos

#1: Rena <318,000 Points>

#2: Jet-Black Fallen Angel <52500 Points>

#3: Eetan <52000 Points>

#4: Hymn's Guru <49000 Points>

#5: Bau Bau <42000 Points>

Neutral

#1: Absolutely Inviolable Area <351,500 Points>

#2: Blooming Flower <49800 Points>

#3: Myra <45000 Points>

#4: Harold <42000 Points>

#5: Leader of the Swimsuit-Stockings Alliance <41500 Points>

Overall

#1: Absolutely Inviolable Area <351,500 Points>

#2: Rena <318000 Points>

#3: Sumeragi <54000 Points>

#4: Jet-Black Fallen Angel <52500 Points>

#5: Luna <52000 Points>

#5: Eetan <52000 Points>

Party Rankings:

Order

#1: Lightning – Leader: Hannes <285,250 Points>

#2: Moonchildren – Leader: Luna <284,500 Points>

#3: Nature's Light – Leader: Aaron <268,000 Points>

#4: Holy Imperial Knights – Leader: Sumeragi <257,000 Points>

#5: Dark Path – Leader: Dark Priest <254,000 Points>

Chaos

#1: I Want Points – Leader: Rena <318,000 Points>

#2: Lost Paradise – Leader: Jet Black Fallen Angel <297,000 Points>

#3: Genorers – Leader: Bau Bau <295,450 Points>

#4: Hymn's Classroom – Leader: Hymn's Guru <274,000 Points>

#5: **tan – Leader: Eetan <268,500 Points>

Neutral

#1: Untouchable – Leader: Absolutely Inviolable Area <351,500 Points>

#2: Northern Flowers – Leader: Blooming Flower <298,000 Points>

#3: Swimsuit-Stockings Alliance – Leader: Leader of the Swimsuit-Stockings Alliance <294,000 Points>

#4: Hopeless Youth – Leader: Cultural Festival <262,550 Points>

#5: Crusaders – Leader: Pope Urban II <261,500 Points>

Overall

#1: Untouchable – Leader: Absolutely Inviolable Area <351,500 Points>

#2: I Want Points – Leader: Rena <318,000 Points>

#3: Northern Flowers – Leader: Blooming Flower <298,000 Points>

#4: Lost Paradise – Leader: Jet Black Fallen Angel <297,000 Points>

#5: Genorers – Leader: Bau Bau <295,450 Points>

The final rankings of each karmic camp are as follows:

#1: Chaos

#2: Neutral

#3: Order

That will be all. We'll distribute rewards everyone according to points earned, and extra rewards to the top rankers. You may also use your points to redeem special rewards, though do note that the points will expire one week from now.

– From the KSO management team.

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That was unexpected, I didn't get first place. I wonder who this Absolutely Inviolable Area is…

"With this out of the way, there were two pretty crazy players out there, right? I was laughing out loud while watching the event." The bald man said.

"Regretfully, I have to admit I share the boss' opinion." His secretary commented.

"Why put it that way!?" The boss seemed sad.

"To think that neither of them hid nor run at all in the middle of the Hidden Tag game, it certainly made the premise a lot less interesting…" The secretary complemented while ignoring her boss.

I really didn't hide, but that was only because I'd get more points like this. It couldn't be helped.

"Ah, and the Order faction has the highest number of players, for the record. Please try harder next event, you all!" The bald said, and then was punched in the stomach by his secretary "I'll really get hurt if you keep this up…"

"Rather than that, please wrap this up already." She said.

"That? Alright, don't forget to use your points. See you later, everyone!" He said.

“… My deepest apologies to all viewers, rest assured that I’ll soon dispose of this garbage.” The secretary said.

“I-isn’t that a bit too much!?” The bald exclaimed.

“Then, everyone, please continue enjoying the game.” The secretary finished and then closed the transmission… Is it really alright for that bald guy to be the boss?

Well, whatever, let’s just exchange my points and move on. I wonder what’s available… There’s quite a lot of things for sure. I guess I’ll upgrade my equipment first and foremost, and… I still have way too many points?

Let’s exchange everything else for materials and SP… Alright, done, now to leave this place since I have nothing to do here anymore.

Chapter 62 – Official Bulletin Board 4

[Event] Event thread 1 [First day]

1. Nameless adventurer

This is a thread to discuss the event.

Let’s write freely.

However, if you don’t abide the basic rules, this thread will disappear.

Previous thread: http: // ******

>> 980 Next thread, please.

2. Nameless adventurer

>> 1

Second.

3. Nameless adventurer

>> 1

Good job.

4. Nameless adventurer

Is everyone here just like me? Who decided that they wouldn't participate in the event?

5. Nameless adventurer

I'm here to watch.

6. Nameless adventurer

>> 4

I guess so? I'm still weak, so I don't think I'd enjoy this kind of battle-focused event.

7. Nameless adventurer

>> 4

Well, beginners and people that aren't very confident in their strength don't have much of a reason to participate.

8. Nameless adventurer

Though beginners wouldn't be targeted much because they wouldn't give many points after being killed, even if their karma is 0.

9. Nameless adventurer

I guess you need to have a certain level to appear in the rankings.

10. Nameless adventurer

>> 9

That makes sense, otherwise everyone would be hunting the 0 karma beginners.

11. Nameless adventurer

I want to hit the Management’s Boss face.

12. Nameless adventurer

Agreed.

13. Nameless adventurer

Agreed.

14. Boss

How horrible!

15. Nameless adventurer

>> 14

He came out! Lol!

16. Nameless adventurer

>> 14

Beat him down!

17. Nameless adventurer

I expected someone from the KSO team to be monitoring these threads, but that’s not really something the Boss should be doing now, is it?

18. Boss

I just happened to be looking at the thread, so I’m doing my underlings’ job!

And please enjoy watching the event even if you don’t participate.

Bye bye!

19. Nameless adventurer

Lol.

20. Nameless adventurer

Poor team being run by such a boss, lol.

21. Nameless adventurer

Genocider spotted ━(□∀□)━!

22. Nameless adventurer

It’s amazing that she doesn’t care about her surroundings at all.

23. Nameless adventurer

Does she even remember all the chaos she caused here?

24. Nameless adventurer

Look at the terrified expressions of the NPCS!

25. Nameless adventurer

So NPCs can get scared, lol.

26. Nameless adventurer

I guess she didn’t bother with using a disguise or a concealment skill.

27. Nameless adventurer

Could this be happening because her karma is too low?

28. Nameless adventurer

The guards are shivering, lololol.

29. Nameless adventurer

>> 27

I think the way NPCs react to you depends on your karma.

30. Nameless adventurer

>> 27

She is at -211 karma, on top of the Chaos faction.

31. Nameless adventurer

Oh?

32. Nameless adventurer

It’s Hannes!

33. Nameless adventurer

He’s right in front of her, yet she doesn’t even glance his way, lol.

34. Nameless adventurer

Genocider really doesn’t care, lol.

35. Nameless adventurer

Declaration of War spotted ━(□∀□)━!

36. Nameless adventurer

Looks exciting!

37. Nameless adventurer

He is so pitiful, lol!

38. Nameless adventurer

She still can’t remember him, lol!

39. Nameless adventurer

It’s really unbelievable, lol.

40. Nameless adventurer

Genocider is lying, right?

41. Nameless adventurer

Do you remember how many loafs of bread you’ve eaten?

42. Nameless adventurer

>> 41

It’s scary how accurate that is for the Genocider.

43. Nameless adventurer

Murdering is the same as eating bread for her, lol.

44. Nameless adventurer

Well, he is in one of the top teams, and I think their difference in skill has lowered since then? They might actually put up a good fight.

45. Nameless adventurer

I don’t know if it’s true, but he always said that he was killed before he had a chance to give it his all.

46. Nameless adventurer

>> 45

That sure went well for him so far, lol!

47. Nameless adventurer

Wow, he appeared!

48. Nameless adventurer

Beat the boss!

49. Nameless adventurer

Can’t believe that’s the management team, lol.

50. Nameless adventurer

The secretary must have it rough…

51. Nameless adventurer

Genocider was definitely the one to crush the original event, lol.

52. Nameless adventurer

Try saying it directly to her, lol.

53. Nameless adventurer

Well, there is a certain someone that declared war on her just now…

54. Nameless Adventurer

If he gets crushed again, it’s all his fault.

55. Nameless Adventurer

It started while I was typing.

56. Nameless adventurer

Well, I just want to see the top players clash.

57. Nameless adventurer

Well, it is Genocider after all.

58. Nameless Adventurer

And just as you all said that, two parties already engaged with the Genocider.

59. Nameless adventurer

Ah, the first victims.

60. Nameless adventurer

You stupid! When you meet the Genocider, you just automatically cooperate, there is no need to make a call for allies first! There’s no time for that!

61. Nameless adventurer

The head of one of the team leaders was already blown up, lol!

62. Nameless adventurer

>> 60

You predicted the future, lol!

63. Nameless adventurer

She already wiped them out, lol!

64. Nameless adventurer

Took only a dozen seconds or so.

65. Nameless adventurer

Literally one kill per second.

66. Nameless adventurer

She’s so scary, lol!

67. Nameless adventurer

Is she a harbinger of death or a natural disaster? Lol!

68. Nameless adventurer

She’s quite literally a man-made disaster, lol.

69. Nameless adventurer

You know, it’s funny that those two parties, while not top players, were still pretty high ranked. She massacred them so fast…

70. Nameless adventurer

Guess points will be raining at her throughout the day.

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[Event] Event thread 7 [First day]

1. Nameless adventurer

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>> 980 Next thread, please.

229. Nameless adventurer

>> 227

The Pervert Gentleman is also pretty strong, lol.

230. Nameless adventurer

>> 228

No it is not

231. Nameless adventurer

The Genocider doesn’t even try to hide, lol.

232. Nameless adventurer

Why is she trying to stand out?

233. Nameless adventurer

Her points are just so high that even the people from her camp are attacking her, lol!

234. Nameless adventurer

And she’s now escaping into the forest, lol.

235. Nameless adventurer

What?

236. Nameless adventurer

Isn’t that a bit…?

237. Nameless adventurer

Just what is she doing…?

238. Nameless adventurer

The forest was set on fire.

239. Nameless adventurer

OMG, lolololololololololol!

240. Nameless adventurer

She doesn’t care about environmental destruction!

241. Nameless adventurer

And here I was wondering why she was trying to stand out…

242. Nameless adventurer

I can’t believe she is really burning the whole forest, lol.

243. Nameless adventurer

Why is she burning the forest?

244. Nameless adventurer

The forest is combustible, so it can’t be helped. Lol.

245. Nameless adventurer

Oooh, so harsh. Lol.

246. Nameless adventurer

It’s the Genocider, so it can’t be helped.

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[Event] Event thread 24 [Third day]

1. Nameless adventurer

This is a thread to discuss the event.

Let’s write freely.

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>> 980 Next thread, please.

354. Nameless adventurer

[Breaking news] Genocider is attacked by the pervert.

355. Nameless adventurer

Oh, god.

356. Nameless adventurer

The Genorers will inevitably get indignated at this.

357. Nameless adventurer

That’s the first place of Order?

358. Nameless adventurer

Why isn’t he in the Chaos faction? Lol.

359. Nameless adventurer

Such dangerous outfit, lol.

360. Nameless adventurer

The Genocider’s ears are red… So cute.

361. Nameless adventurer

Seems like she didn't even noticed it herself, lol.

362. Nameless adventurer

There are a lot of people that are either perverted, crazy, or that are hard-headed here, aren't there?

363. Nameless adventurer

Well, part of that is because they behave in a specific way for shaping their persona and for working on their karma.

364. Nameless adventurer

>> 362

There are definitely normal people too…

365. Nameless adventurer

If you think about it, most people would probably lean towards Order if they don't roleplay in some way.

366. Nameless adventurer

The pervert is strong, isn't he?

367. Nameless adventurer

I don't think she is being serious about it, but he is still putting a good fight against the Genocider. Lol.

368. Nameless adventurer

It's because he has a body of steel that was trained daily with the guards.

369. Nameless adventurer

>> 368

Lol.

370. Nameless adventurer

Second place in chaos also appeared.

371. Nameless adventurer

Things are getting messy!

372. Nameless adventurer

Blossom is strong and selfish, but she also has a cute blushing face because of the pervert.

373. Nameless adventurer

>> 372

Genocider may be blushing, but she still aims at his crotch.

374. Nameless adventurer

Talk about excessive…

375. Nameless adventurer

Seems like he doesn’t enjoy being treated as just a pervert.

376. Nameless adventurer

He keeps going on and on about himself…

377. Nameless adventurer

!?

378. Nameless adventurer

!?

379. Nameless adventurer

!?

380. Nameless adventurer

Oath…?!

381. Nameless adventurer

And she as well!

382. Nameless adventurer

What is an Oath?

383. Nameless adventurer

These guys did it…

384. Nameless adventurer

>> 382

It’s a special skill that was first seen when Captain Alexei tried to defeat the Genocider at the time of the coup d’etat. It increases your stats by about 2.5x the normal amount and also increases your level by 10.

It’s a strong skill that reduces your HP by 3% per second, but the payoff is more than worth it.

385. Nameless adventurer

>> 384

Wow! How can I learn it?

386. Nameless adventurer

No clue…

387. Nameless adventurer

We can count the number of top players with an oath skill with one hand's fingers, and it seems like the way each of them learned it is quite different from the other…

388. Nameless adventurer

It seems that the way to learn it varies for each person.

389. Nameless adventurer

Is it like a unique skill?

390. Nameless adventurer

It's kind of like an old skill passed by the Celts or something.

391. Nameless adventurer

It's amazing that even among the top players, only a few have learned those.

392. Nameless adventurer

>> 390

I guess?

393. Nameless adventurer

It needs a chant to be activated, so I guess it's unique for each person?

394. Nameless adventurer

I long for the day I can get one of those…

395. Nameless adventurer

I can relate to that.

Chapter 63 – Official Bulletin Board 5

[Event] Event thread 47 [Fourth day]

1. Nameless adventurer

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561. Nameless adventurer

The number of people here is gradually increasing…

562. Nameless adventurer

The event is back.

563. Nameless adventurer

The Genocider is pretty dangerous, but that Absolutely Inviolable Area is too, isn’t he? He is also playing solo, just like her.

564. Nameless adventurer

>> 563

Pretty much this. Also, even though the Genocider has more kills, he'll probably win the event because he is in the Neutral Faction.

565. Nameless adventurer

Most of the people here are victims of those two…

566. Nameless adventurer

Just what are they anyways? Some sort of human weapons?

567. Nameless adventurer

They have a surprising amount of things in common.

568. Nameless adventurer

Meiru-chan!

569. Nameless adventurer

A famous streamer was caught by the Genocider…

570. Nameless adventurer

She isn't aware of the chaos that will be brought by this…□-□-□

571. Nameless adventurer

She's dragging her by the hair! Lol.

572. Nameless adventurer

Isn't the hair a woman's life?

573. Nameless adventurer

I don't think the Genocider cares, lol.

574. Nameless Adventurer

It’s horrifying to pull her to the back of a cave like that.

575. Nameless adventurer

She seems to be enjoying herself, lol.

576. Nameless adventurer

She really shaved Meiru’s eyebrow in front of the camera!? Lol!

577. Nameless adventurer

Naturally shaved, lol.

578. Nameless adventurer

She did it so naturally that I didn’t understand what had happened for a second.

579. Nameless adventurer

Unbelievable, lol.

580. Nameless adventurer

You arrived way too late, lol!

581. Nameless adventurer

Her one eyebrow is already…!

582. Nameless adventurer

Such a sad incident…

583. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

584. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

585. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

586. Nameless adventurer

She says, “I won’t do anything particularly horrible to you.” but then cuts her hair off.

587. Nameless adventurer

Genocider… I know that strangling is a quiet way of assassinating, but you know…

588. Nameless adventurer

Meiru also gave a “Huh?” reaction now…

589. Nameless adventurer

It’s terrifying that she can kill one of their leaders so quietly in the dark like that.

590. Nameless adventurer

And the cave blows up.

591. Nameless adventurer

Correction, she says “I won’t do anything particularly horrible to you.” but then cuts her eyebrow, gives her a buzz cut, and then blows up the whole cave and buries Meiru alive.

592. Nameless adventurer

>> 591

Lol.

593. Nameless adventurer

>> 591

Different people have different standards of terrible… Scary.

594. Nameless adventurer

>> 591

I think there is an insurmountable wall between Genocider and us.

595. Nameless adventurer

It’s okay because she didn’t harm the person, only her avatar.

596. Nameless adventurer

Genocider’s event action log as of now:

- On the first day, she annihilated two high level parties in only a few seconds. Also burnt tons of players together with a whole forest.
- On the second day, she sniped lots of players that were trying to run from her from who knows how far away.
- On the third day,she defeated the top two players of the Chaos and Order factions, both of which have access to Oath skills.
- On the fourthday, she grabbed the hair a popular female streamer, dragged her to a cave in front of the camera, shaved one of her eyebrows, cut her hair, and then blew up the cave to bury her up together with many of her fans.

And there’s still half of the event left…

597. Nameless adventurer

So heartless.

598. Nameless adventurer

She really doesn’t care for other girls’ reputation now, does she?

599. Nameless adventurer

And because she was a streamer, this will now be known by people that don’t even play the game.

600. Nameless adventurer

It’s definitely reaching beyond just KSO.

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[Event] Event thread 61 [Fifth day]

1. Nameless adventurer

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121. Nameless adventurer

Isn’t Absolutely Inviolable Area too dangerous?

122. Nameless adventurer

It’s flying over the sea.

123. Nameless adventurer

!?

124. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

125. Nameless adventurer

He is cutting the sea in half to chase the fleeing mage…

126. Nameless adventurer

Is he Moses? Lol.

127. Nameless adventurer

Does anybody know anything about this guy?

128. Nameless adventurer

It’s definitely strange that he is able to keep a Karma of exactly 0.

129. Nameless adventurer

Really really weird.

130. Nameless adventurer

I’ve been in a party with him before, but I gave up on it and removed him from my friend list.

131. Nameless adventurer

>> 130

Oh? Why?

132. Nameless adventurer

>> 130

Was it due to level disparity? Or is there a problem with his personality?

133. Nameless adventurer

Nothing wrong with his personality, he just kindly guided an NPC that asked for directions…

But then his Karma was raised by 1, so he started slapping the NPC over and over again until it dropped back to 0. He smiled after that.

134. Nameless adventurer

Eh?

135. Nameless adventurer

He's a total psycho, lol!

136. Nameless adventurer

He is strong and usually pretty reliable, but the party just didn't work out. There was one time that his karma went up because he protected me from an attack, so he immediately stabbed me in the back to reset the karma to 0.

He is pretty nice and easy to talk to on normal situations though.

137. Nameless adventurer

No wonder you deleted him from your friend's list, lol!

138. Nameless adventurer

Why are all strong players either Genociders, perverts or psychopaths?

139. Nameless adventurer

Just what is wrong with this game!? Lol!

140. Nameless adventurer

I also partied with Absolutely Inviolable Area once. After we searched for the parents of a lost child NPC, he slapped the parents until his karma went back to 0.

141. Nameless adventurer

I guess common sense doesn’t apply to him, lol!

142. Nameless adventurer

I guess you need to be crazy to reach the high ranks, lol.

143. Nameless adventurer

Pretty sure this guy was the first person to get the swearing skill.

144. Nameless adventurer

I guess he is also the first person to get the Advanced Class?

145. Nameless adventurer

>> 144

Genocider probably has it already.

146. Nameless adventurer

>> 144

Really? What are the conditions to obtain an advanced class?

147. Nameless adventurer

I don’t know.

148. Nameless adventurer

(´□ω□□) Is that so.

149. Nameless adventurer

Well, considering it’s Genocider, she probably got the advanced class already.

150. Nameless adventurer

I certainly wouldn’t be surprised if she did.

151. Nameless adventurer

Huh? Who is this Yuu, Genocider?

152. Nameless adventurer

Genocider’s… Friend?

153. Nameless adventurer

You’re wounding my heart…

154. Nameless adventurer

Just who is this guy?

155. Nameless adventurer

Genorers, calm down! Lol!

156. Nameless adventurer

“We’re friends from real life, you don’t need to feel sorry for me”, lol!

157. Nameless adventurer

He was only hurt by Genocider, lol.

158. Nameless adventurer

He is being attacked for saying too much, lol.

159. Nameless adventurer

Lol, is this an attempted suicide?!

160. Nameless adventurer

!?

161. Nameless adventurer

What?!

162. Nameless adventurer

Otaku… Magic?

163. Nameless adventurer

What is this?

164. Nameless adventurer

The feeling of Otaku Magic is gross.

165. Nameless adventurer

Why is there a Dumbass Magic about a Convenience Store!? LMAO!

166. Nameless adventurer

The Boss definitely put this in as a joke, lol.

167. Nameless adventurer

Just what even is Toxic Twitter!? Lol!

168. Nameless adventurer

Too disgusting, lol.

169. Nameless adventurer

He is walling off the world to protect himself, lol.

170. Nameless adventurer

It’s a pretty thick wall…

171. Nameless adventurer

This is just sad…

172. Nameless adventurer

He ran away from the Genocider! Lol!

173. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

174. Nameless adventurer

Isn’t that the first time that anyone escaped from her?

175. Nameless adventurer

Hannes must be convulsing on his grave after seeing someone escape with this kind of magic.

176. Nameless adventurer

>> 175

He’s not dead yet, lol.

177. Nameless adventurer

Does anybody know anything about the skills of this Yuu guy?

178. Nameless adventurer

I didn’t know this kind of skill existed.

179. Nameless adventurer

Well, I don’t think I’ll look for those when acquiring new skills, lol!

180. Nameless adventurer

>> 177

He is quite famous within the verification team as “Yuu of the Variety Show.”

181. Nameless adventurer

Variety Show!? Lol!

182. Nameless adventurer

Seems fitting when thinking of his skills! Lol!

183. Nameless adventurer

He got all the weird skills of the skill tree, but there are normal ones there too.

184. Nameless adventurer

That just makes it even more amazing that he escaped the Genocider with those! Lol!

185. Nameless adventurer

Aren’t the Genorers oddly quiet?

186. Nameless adventurer

Try peeking at the dedicated Genocider threads?

187. Nameless adventurer

Genocider’s smile is scary, lol.

188. Nameless adventurer

>> 186

I looked at it and it seems like they’re about to explode.

189. Nameless adventurer

I guess this Yuu fellow was now marked by the Genorers.

190. Nameless adventurer

I’m not jealous or anything, but I pray he has a nice rest in the afterlife.

191. Nameless adventurer

Seems like he attracted bad luck even after escaping with this much effort, lol.

Chapter 64 – Official Bulletin Board 6

[Event] Event thread 78 [Sixth day]

1. Nameless adventurer

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453. Nameless adventurer

He really did escape from the Genocider, lol.

454. Nameless adventurer

Yuu was really fast, lol.

455. Nameless adventurer

Oh.

456. Nameless adventurer

Hannes and Genocider finally met!

457. Nameless adventurer

Exciting!

458. Nameless adventurer

Ah, I was watching another player…

459. Nameless adventurer

Myra strikes first!

460. Nameless adventurer

It was supposed to be a surprise attack, but to the Genocider it was nothing more than a greeting.

461. Nameless adventurer

She handled it so naturally…

462. Nameless adventurer

Just how does she have that reaction speed?

463. Nameless adventurer

“Han… Hannes.”

464. Nameless adventurer

“Han… Hannes” lol.

465. Nameless adventurer

That was close, lol!

466. Nameless adventurer

Well, she doesn’t really need to remember the name of those who will soon die.

467. Nameless adventurer

And as usual, she fights alone against one of the top parties.

468. Nameless adventurer

She really is kinda crazy.

469. Nameless adventurer

How can she deal with two ranged attackers at once?

470. Nameless adventurer

She is avoiding everything, LMAO!

471. Nameless adventurer

It’s nice to finally see their confrontation, but in front of her, they can do nothing but despair.

472. Nameless adventurer

Hannes’ party will soon eat dirt…

473. Nameless adventurer

No matter what anyone says, it’s just amazing to see those fights between top players.

474. Nameless adventurer

Genocider is just funny.

475. Nameless adventurer

Oh! That’s an amazing skill!

476. Nameless adventurer

Isn’t that the first time “Full Resonance – Mother’s Devotion” has appeared?

477. Nameless adventurer

I’m not sure, but it seems like you can obtain a special skill that is at least similar to this one if you do a special quest. Though you need a karma value of 100 or more to do it.

478. Nameless adventurer

>> 477

You’re from the Verification Team, I suppose? Thank you for the information.

479. Nameless adventurer

It’s a buff festival over there!

480. Nameless adventurer

Well, there is no way to beat the Genocider without this kind of thing.

481. Nameless adventurer

Rather, playing without buffs is like fighting with your hands tied behind your back at this point.

482. Nameless adventurer

!?

483. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

484. Nameless adventurer

Huh?

485. Nameless adventurer

[Breaking news] Genocider already has the advanced class.

486. Nameless adventurer

I thought she might have it, but still…

487. Nameless adventurer

It’s crazy to think she’s already at that point…

488. Nameless adventurer

Those buffs are very similar to what Knight Commander Alexei used, right?

489. Nameless adventurer

>> 488

I’m 90% sure you’re right.

490. Nameless adventurer

So-so many buffs! Lol!

491. Nameless adventurer

She’s going to match all the buffs they used all by herself! Lol!

492. Nameless adventurer

It’s a buff battle!

493. Nameless adventurer

The last boss shouldn’t heal nor use buffs…

494. Nameless adventurer

And to think they’re doing all that in a snowy mountain…

495. Nameless adventurer

Wo-wow!

496. Nameless adventurer

They were going so well, I thought they had a chance…

497. Nameless adventurer

More and more of them are dying…

498. Nameless adventurer

Scary.

499. Nameless adventurer

Oh, one was swallowed by an avalanche.

500. Nameless adventurer

Only Hannes left.

501. Nameless Adventurer

Unbelievable…

502. Nameless adventurer

It’s over.

503. Nameless adventurer

You think so?

504. Nameless adventurer

Oh?!

505. Nameless adventurer

An Oath!

506. Nameless adventurer

Funny, Hannes actually looks cool now.

507. Nameless adventurer

The Genocider is smiling right now. Lol.

508. Nameless adventurer

She’s excited, lol!

509. Nameless adventurer

Seems like this is really fun for her, lol.

510. Nameless adventurer

She was still hiding strengthening skills unique to the advanced class, lol!

511. Nameless adventurer

She can get even stronger!?

512. Nameless adventurer

Can anyone explain how strong is she now?

513. Nameless adventurer

Just how much was she strengthened? Lol.

514. Nameless adventurer

>> 512

>> 513

Judging from the strengthening skill of Alexei, it's probably safe to assume that the skills of the Advanced Classes increase two stats.

Assuming that all of her buffs are increasing STR, and that her base STR value is 100, we have…

3 Extra Large enhancements (multiple stat by about x2), and the high enchantment with extra enhancement (about x1.8 stats). So…

100 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 1.8 = 1440 STR.

Then you add 4 Extra Large element additions (about 0.8x the normal damage) on top of that, and you get a single slash dealing 1440 + (1152 x 4) damage.

In other words, she's absurdly strong.

Granted, I made a bunch of assumptions to make this calculation, but her damage output is definitely scary.

515. Nameless adventurer

>> 514

Thanks for the hard work. I can't even laugh at those numbers due to how amazing it is.

516. Nameless adventurer

>> 514

Wow…

517. Nameless adventurer

>> 514

Well, she isn't using just STR buffs, and Hannes also buffed his VIT, but still… Those numbers are crazy, lol.

518. Nameless adventurer

>> 514

They'll be nerfing some of those buffs and their interaction, right? Such an unbalanced game, lololol.

519. Nameless adventurer

I bet the balance team is going bald from stress right now, lol!

520. Nameless adventurer

Isn't it amazing that Hannes is actually holding his own against that?

521. Nameless adventurer

I can't really laugh at him anymore, lol.

522. Nameless adventurer

Even if he keeps losing, he is still one of the top players, lol!

523. Nameless adventurer

They're fighting each other while sliding down the mountain, lol.

524. Nameless adventurer

They’re fighting each other while sliding down a snowy mountain as an avalanche approaches from above! It’s a scene straight-out of a movie, lol!

525. Nameless adventurer

It’s really cool and I’m recording it, but I have no idea what they’re actually doing there, lol!

526. Nameless adventurer

>> 525

Lol!

And to think we were once impressed by Alexei…

527. Nameless adventurer

But at this rhythm won’t they just die to their own health degens?

528. Nameless adventurer

Well, it’s a fitting end for Hannes, lol!

529. Nameless adventurer

Not only the event threads, but basically the whole forums are in chaos due to the battle of those two, lol!

530. Nameless adventurer

>> 529

There’s someone streaming their fight and even reached trending! Lol!

531. Nameless adventurer

They’ll use the <Oracle> skill! Lol!

532. Nameless adventurer

I tried using it before, but it was pretty weak…?

533. Nameless adventurer

>> 532

That's not surprising. <Oracle> skills are special skills that are available from the start, but their damage depends on both yours, and on your opponent's karma. Their effects also depend on what god you pray to.

Moreover, you can't use it if your Karma fluctuates too much or if you change factions from time to time. It's pretty hard to use it properly.

534. Nameless adventurer

>> 533

Oh, now I understand it. Thanks for the explanation.

535. Nameless adventurer

With those two using it, the amount of damage will be pretty absurd. Probably the highest amount of damage any single exchange of blows in this game has delivered so far.

536. Nameless adventurer

I like that you need the use a chant to activate it, but it's embarrassing to do that.

537. Nameless adventurer

Agreed.

538. Nameless adventurer

It's the battle's climax!

539. Nameless adventurer

This event is too exciting, lol!

540. Nameless adventurer

Let’s all lift Hannes once the event ends!

541. Nameless adventurer

Don’t let him escape! Raise his dead body!

542. Nameless adventurer

He’s the MVP, lol!

543. Nameless adventurer

Hannes is inevitable.

544. Nameless adventurer

Well, he tried his best.

545. Nameless adventurer

It can’t be helped, it’s Hannes after all.

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[Event] Event thread 112 [End]

1. Nameless adventurer

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345. Nameless adventurer

The event is over!

346. Nameless adventurer

It felt pretty long, but it will be concluded in just a moment.

347. Nameless adventurer

Will the rankings be announced?

348. Nameless adventurer

>> 347

They’ll be soon.

349. Nameless adventurer

>> 348

Oh, thanks.

350. Nameless adventurer

>> 349

Who is Mehmed II!?

351. Nameless adventurer

>> 350

352. Nameless adventurer

>> 350

353. Nameless adventurer

>> 350

354. Nameless adventurer

>> 350

355. Nameless adventurer

Sorry…

356. Nameless adventurer

Lol.

357. Nameless adventurer

The rankings were announced while I made that stupid joke, lol.

358. Nameless adventurer

The points earned by Genocider and Absolutely Inviolable Area are crazy! Lol!

359. Nameless adventurer

They are a whole digit ahead of the others! Lol.

360. Nameless adventurer

Even though they’re playing solo, they’re also at the top of the party rankings, lololol.

361. Nameless adventurer

Because Neutral earns more points, Absolutely Inviolable Area ended up winning against the Genocider.

362. Nameless adventurer

They’re so much stronger than the pervert.

363. Nameless adventurer

Don’t mention that guy…

364. Nameless adventurer

Yeah, let’s ignore him! Lol!

365. Nameless adventurer

He’s not a bad person, but I’m too lazy to argue, lol.

366. Nameless adventurer

It’s weird that most of the top players didn’t make it to the end of the event.

367. Nameless adventurer

I don’t recognize most of the names in the rankings.

368. Nameless adventurer

Why are the Crusaders a Neutral party and not Orderly?

369. Nameless adventurer

>> 368

There was that thing with Hungary…

370. Nameless adventurer

>> 368

And the stuff with the Byzantine Empire…

371. Nameless adventurer

>> 368

Wasn’t king Frederick II betrayed by the crusaders or something?

372. Nameless adventurer

>> 369

>> 370

>> 371

The darkness of history goes too deep, lol!

373. Nameless adventurer

So it makes sense that they’re neutral?

374. Nameless adventurer

I wonder if it was a coincidence or on purpose.

375. Nameless adventurer

Isn’t it funny that the leader of Hopeless Youth is Cultural Festival?

376. Nameless adventurer

You all played way too much with your party names!

377. Nameless adventurer

You should all follow Genocider’s example and only choose serious names!

378. Nameless adventurer

>> 377

What’s her party name?

379. Nameless adventurer

>> 378

I want points.

380. Nameless adventurer

Lol.

381. Nameless adventurer

Lol.

382. Nameless adventurer

Lol.

383. Nameless adventurer

Cute.

384. Nameless adventurer

Well, she wanted points, it couldn’t be helped. Lololol.

385. Nameless adventurer

The Genocider has no naming sense.

386. Nameless adventurer

It’s kinda cute, lol.

387. Nameless adventurer

Though the way she plays is merciless, lol!

388. Nameless adventurer

I love these forums, lol.

389. Nameless adventurer

Well, her mercilessness is exactly what gave her so many follows, lol.

390. Nameless adventurer

She must be happy that she achieved the goal of her party.

391. Nameless adventurer

She’s a real weirdo, isn’t she?

Chapter 65 – Ichijouji Reina's Daily Life

"I'm really sorry, please forgive me…" One of the bad guys in front of me begged for forgiveness… But why did they get in the way of my commute to school then? "I-I'll give you all my money!"

"I have a credit card though? I don't need money." I answered him.

"I-is that so…!?" He replied.

I mean, I am a duke's daughter, that man who's my blood relative has multiple companies under his name and is also the minister of finance, there is no way my family will ever have problems with money.

"Y-you're just a rich girl relying on her parents!" He shouted.

"Are you sure you're in any position to talk to me that way?" To think they tried to mug me on the way to school, such troublesome people.

"Well, then…" I started moving.

"P-please don't break my teeth!" One begged.

"A-at least do it somewhere that can't easily seen!" Another said.

"Please have mercy!" The third one exclaimed.

They seem to be really frightened, and I'll be late to school if I don't hurry, so I guess their punishment will have to be light… How annoying.

"Then please turn to the back." I told them.

They hurriedly did as I told them while thanking me for my mercy… Then, once they all had their backs turned to me, I grabbed each of their arms and dislocated their shoulders.

They all started screaming in pain from this. Such an exaggerated reaction, did they take lessons from Yuu or something?

Well, I have to go to school now though, so I left the back alley and headed through the usual road while they moaned in pain.

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When I arrived at school and opened the classroom's door, all the voices that had been echoing outside suddenly went silent. As usual though, I just moved to my seat without worrying about it.

"Good morning, miss Ichijouji." One of the classmates said.

"Good morning." I replied with a smile… Such a bother, I shouldn't have to force myself to greet you now, should I?

Wait, isn't that…? "Good morning, Yuuki." I said while moving near his seat.

"G-g-good morning!?" He said with a strained laughter.

Oda Yuuki, that's Yuu's real name. I decided to talk to him since we're friends. "I had a lot of fun the other day, let's play again."

"Eh? No, I mean, to say this here…" He seemed to be troubled about something…

"You can't play?" Was there something wrong? Could he be busy? I started frowning while thinking of it.

"N-no! I'll play!" He hurriedly replied.

I smiled at that, "That's great! I was worried that there might have been an issue."

“Th-there are no issues, miss Ichijouji…” He replied, though it was a bit bothersome like this.

“Can’t you just call me Reina like usual?” I realized that Yuuki was actually Yuu a small while back, but this is the first time we’re talking outside of the game. He always calls me Rena in the game though, so using Reina shouldn’t really be a problem… Besides, I don’t like being called by my family’s name.

“Then… Reina…” He slowly said.

“What is it?” I asked him.

“Can’t you be a bit more aware of your surroundings?” He asked back.

My surroundings? Ah, I can hear footsteps, so the homeroom teacher should be arriving soon.

“Seems like we’re out of time, I’ll see you later then.” I said while going back to my seat.

“Well… I guess that’s alright for now.” He answered. He also grumbled something about his peaceful school life, but I couldn’t hear it properly.

“Hey, miss Ichijouji…” One of the girls near me called my attention. Unusual, my classmates don’t talk to me much.

“What is it?” I asked her.

“Well… Just what is your relationship with Oda?” She asked.

“With Yuuki? That is…” I was about to reply, but was stopped…

“Everyone, take your seats.” Because the homeroom teacher had arrived.

“I’m sorry, seems like this will have to be left for later.” I told her.

“O-of course! Pardon me for asking this so rudely!” She hurriedly said before going back to her seat.

“Some people just can’t help prying into others’ lives, seriously…” A bystander said.

“Is that so…?” I wondered what caused the ruckus. Am I having trouble mimicking what’s “normal”? I need to be careful, mom won’t rest easily otherwise.

As the teacher started saying the usual things for the day, I started wondering what I’ll do to spend my time on this boring day.

Chapter 66 – Ichijouji Reina's Daily Life – Part 2

Class was boring as usual, I don't get why I have to learn history at school when what I learn at home is more detailed…

The teacher who was explaining some things about the end of the second world war stopped his explanation and decided to ask Yuuki to complement it. For some reason Yuuki seems to have been extremely nervous since early morning, he has even been laughing during class at some points.

Then Yuuki gave some half-baked explanation about the topic in question that was missing quite a few details, but the teacher praised him anyways because that's apparently a good answer. Though the teacher followed up with a longer explanation afterwards to fill in the gaps anyways.

At some point near the end of his explanation, he decided to ask me to conclude his line of thought, it was a bother, but mom said I should try to "behave normally", so I answered him appropriately.

Once I was done he praised me for the answer and actually asked the class to applaud it, school was such a bother.

The bell finally rang though, so that was the end of it. And since this was the 4th period, it should be lunch break now.

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(Yuuki's Point of View)

"Hey Oda, can I have a moment?" They came after all… A person from the popular clique approached me with a smile while I desperately tried to

escape from class as soon as the lunch break started. The only reason someone like him will try talking to someone like me, who is basically air, is for bullying…

“What is it?” I asked him, though I already knew the answer.

“Are you still sane? Just what is your relationship with Ichijouji?” Of course that’s it. Anyone would get curious if that girl who never speaks to anyone suddenly talked to me of all people, especially in the way she did. The way our classmates looked at me during class was giving me stomachache…

“I’m not particularly remarkable to her… Alright?” I told him.

“You’re not gonna deceive me that easily, so how about we move to another place for now?” He answered while keeping his grin.

“Eh?” Of course, there is no way a lowly nerd invading the inviolable sanctuary would be forgivable, I am destroying the school’s caste and am now going to be punished for it…

“Is something the matter with Yuuki?” Reina suddenly said while moving closer… I can’t believe she came now of all times! The goddess of salvation smiled upon me!

“Re… Miss Ichijouji!” I exclaimed.

“Ichijouji again? I’d prefer if you just called me Reina.” She replied…

“Ah, no, that is…” I hastily tried to come up with a refusal.

“Is it no good?” Please don’t look at me with those pure upturned eyes, you’ll just make the whole class hate me more!

“… Miss Ichijouji, can I ask what’s your relationship with Oda?” The popular guy asked.

She wasn’t responding…

Wait… Could it be that…? “Reina, this person is our classmate, Yazawa.” I whispered to her…

“… Ah.” She really didn’t know? I thought her bad memory was only related to Hannes, but she doesn’t even know her classmates!? “We’re friends.” Please be more concerned about your surroundings!

“I see, then can I be your friend too? Could I call you Reina?” Yazawa asked.

“I wouldn’t like that.” She answered, a dreadful silence filled the classroom… My friends from the Verification Team looked at me with pity, but didn’t move an inch to save me… Shouldn’t we have a bit more camaraderie!?

“May I ask why?” He is looking openly disappointed… He really shouldn’t test the Genocider too much, alright!?

“Because I’d hate it.” She said, making the class silent again… Please Reina, say something, give a reason, any reason, even if it’s a lie, don’t make things even worse for me!

Yazawa started laughing, “Miss Ichijouji is surprisingly funny.”

Some of his friends chimed in agreeing with him… Good, things are good like this, if this heavy mood is lifted and class returns to normal, then…

“I didn’t try to be funny though?” Reina commented… Please shut up, you’re not Goddess of Salvation, you’re just worsening my stomachache… “It is a bit strange that you’re laughing at this… Well, that’s fine either way. Yuuki, I need to talk to you, so let’s eat lunch together.”

“Eh?” I didn’t have time to say anything else before she dragged me out of class. The indescribable faces of our classmates as we left was painful… I think I should start bringing stomach medicine to school starting tomorrow.

Chapter 67 – Ichijouji Reina's Daily Life – Part 3

Translator's Note: Hannes and his party appear in this chapter. To avoid confusion, I'm listing their IRL names here:

Masaki = Hannes

Misaki = Ryne

Sakura = Cherry

Kurumi = Eleanor

Kenji = Kellin

Nozomi = Myra

(Hannes' Point of View)

"Look, Hannes, that Ichijouji is eating lunch with someone." Kenji commented.

"… Why are you calling me by my username at school?" I asked him.

"Oops, my bad. Sorry, Masaki." He answered… Just what's wrong with him? It shouldn't be that hard to remember to use our proper names… "That aside, it's amazing that Ichijouji's mere presence made everyone stop looking at their food and instead at her, isn't it?"

"I guess?" I answered half-heartedly.

“Good grief, how can’t you pay attention to such a beauty?” He said.

“I guess it is a pretty rare situation.” Nozomi chimed in.

“Well, that young lady doesn’t really get involved with anyone usually.” Kurumi complemented.

“Ah, yeah, sure…” I vaguely replied. It’s unusual to see anyone agreeing with Kenji… I mean, it’s strange for Ichijouji to behave like that, but it isn’t really uncommon for someone to talk to others…. Wait a minute, “Haven’t I seen her somewhere before?”

“Seriously, Masaki? That’s your best attempt at a pick-up line? Should I teach you how to do it?” That stupid Kenji commented.

“No…” I replied with a sigh… I have no idea why this guy is popular.

“Well, she is pretty popular in our school, so it’s not strange for you to have seen her.” Kurumi commented.

“Yeah, but like… I was not talking about school, but at some other place…” I replied while trying to remember.

“You really like your clichés, don’t you?” Kenji commented while obviously holding back his laugh.

“Just shut up already…” I already felt like hitting him by now… I might have done it if Nozomi didn’t signal for me to calm down, actually.

“I also feel like I have seen her before too.” Misaki said.

“Huh? You think so too?” Kenji asked him.

“Why else would I have said it?” Misaki answered. I have to wonder why Kenji even thought I was using that line as a pick up.

“I see… Then what about you, Sakura?” Kenji asked the only person that hadn’t said her thoughts yet.

“I’m not sure, but I think I saw her before as well.” She answered.

“Really now…” Kenji seemed to be in disbelief.

“Why don’t you ask her already?” Nozomi suggested.

“It’s the easiest way to clear our doubts.” Kurumi complemented.

“… Guess I should do it now then?” I asked to nobody in particular.

“Well, we’re in different classes, so you won’t have many opportunities aside from lunch break.” Sakura complemented.

“Yeah… I guess so.” I said, though it was embarrassing to suddenly ask someone I never talked to before about thinking that I maybe saw her somewhere.

“Well…?” Sakura said.

“I get it…” I replied.

“So, are you going?” Sakura asked again.

“Don’t bully him, Sakura.” Misaki told her… Calling it bullying was kinda rude, but I’ll accept his help.

Taking a deep breath, I started moving near Ichijouji and that dull guy near her, he seemed to be troubled by their conversation.

“Is that guy going to ask her out?” Kurumi wondered.

“Could they already be dating?” Nozomi wondered as well.

“Come on, it’s Ichijouji we’re talking about here, there’s no way.” Kenji shrugged her comment off.

“Well… Maybe?” Nozomi replied.

The guy near Ichijouji seemed to be more troubled by the second. Moreover, it seems like the people nearby noticed that we were going after Ichijouji, and they were all looking at us… This just makes things more troubling… Good grief.

"… I guess it's fine for a while?" The guy said.

"… You seem to be able to talk just fine though?" Ichijouji replied.

The guy gave a troubled laugh, "That's your fault, Reina…"

Reina? He is close enough to call her by her first name?

"Could they be actually dating!?" Kenji wondered, even though he dismissed that just a minute ago… He was a bit too loud though.

"No, Yuuki is a friend." Ichijouji replied to him.

"I see, it would be surprising otherwise…" Kenji made a rude comment.

"Masaki, weren't you going to ask her something?" Sakura pushed me… Right right, I get it.

"I… Wanted to ask you something." I told Ichijouji. This was still embarrassing…

"What is it?" She asked back.

"… Have we met somewhere?" I asked bluntly.

Kenji started laughing, "That's a total pickup line!"

"Shut up!" Nozomi said while punching his stomach… Ignoring them both, I waited for her reply.

"… Did you forget about the time we played together?" Ichijouji asked.

"What…?" Just where would I have played with her? Isn't she mistaking me for someone else?

“You even invited me to in front of a big crowd.” She continued.

“What!?” Is she nuts?

“Wow, Masaki, I can’t believe you were this bold…” Kenji said while clutching his stomach.

“Wait, no, I didn’t do it!” I hastily denied, I absolutely didn’t do it!

“You really don’t remember? You ran after me, made a big surprising declaration, and then entertained me until the very end.” Ichijouji said… The cafeteria went silent.

Just what is she talking about!?

“To think you already went that far…” Even Misaki seemed to have lost hopes in me.

“I can’t save you from that one.” Nozomi sighed.

“Wait wait wait, aren’t you mistaking me for someone else!?” I asked Ichijouji in a panic. There’s no way I could have done anything with a girl as beautiful as her, alright!?

“You really don’t remember?” She seemed disappointed.

“Look, I’m bad at remembering things, but there’s no way I’d forget if I did something that drastic, okay!?” I told her.

“… Well, that’s a shame, Hannes.” She… Called me what?

“Hannes…?” I asked just to be sure.

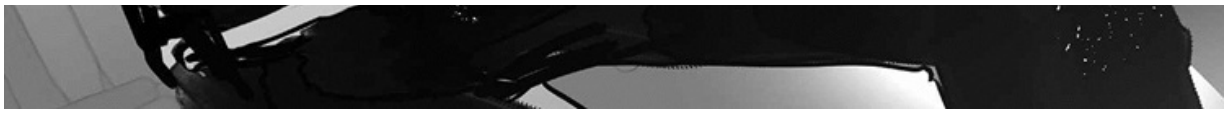
“That’s your name, right?” She asked.

“… I can’t take this anymore…” The guy in front of her said it… Nevermind that, why does she know my in-game name? Just what is she talking about? And where do I remember her from?

“Oh, could you be the Genocider?” Kenji asked an absurd question.

“Yes, apparently that’s my nickname.” Ichijouji answered nonchalantly… She really did confirm it…

The cafeteria was silent… I couldn’t keep up with this at all, I was even feeling a bit sick…



“You’re really the Genocider…?” I asked her just to be sure.

“I am indeed. You really hadn’t recognized me, Hannes?” She asked me.

“Reina, you’re too cruel…” The guy in front of her commented.

“… I’m going home for the day.” I decided.

“Wait, Masaki!” Kurumi chased after me, but I didn’t stop… I just don’t think I’ll be able to pay any attention to classes today whatsoever.

“Ichijouji is the Genocider… She’s one of our classmates…” I said to nobody in particular.

“He broke…” Kurumi said.

“Guess it will be pointless talking to him for now.” Nozomi commented.

I couldn’t really take their words in properly, whatever came from one ear existed from the other right away… I couldn’t even remember how I got home afterwards.

Chapter 68 – Ichijouji Reina's Daily Life – Part 4

(Hagiwara Mai's Point of View (New character))

"… Yuuki, was Hannes… Was Masaki (?) alright? He seemed to be a bit strange." Miss Ichijouji said.

Oda laughed a bit, "He'll probably be fine…"

I, Hagiwara Mai, am currently in the middle of a stalking mission. The target is Ichijouji Reina, the school's celebrity whose rumors transcend the boundaries of our own school and go much farther beyond… And Oda as a bonus.

Her behavior took a sudden turn that surprised all of her classmates, as she suddenly went from a quiet person that doesn't interact with anyone, to actively seeking out others… But why does it have to be Oda of all people? He is a total otaku who is always talking with his otaku friends in the corner of the classroom, why would he be together with miss Ichijouji? There's no way a weirdo like him could be with her that can behave like a normal person!

What on heaven's name might have caused this? I want to get along with her, she is someone that is fitting to be the heroine of a novel or something. I can even imagine it… A duke's daughter with a troubled childhood that made her lose the contact with her surroundings, a hidden dark past, an unhealthy relationship with her father that can hardly be called family, she went through so much that she ended up shutting herself entirely in her own dark shell… I want to get along with her so much! But I don't have the courage to get closer… But now, now that disgusting Oda is ruining the

setting of my doujinshi! I even started drawing it already, you can't ruin it like that!

"I guess I'll be going now then." Miss Ichijouji said, interrupting my line of thought.

"Isn't it still early?" The worm called Oda replied.

"You forgot? Next class is PE." Miss Ichouji stated the obvious.

"Oh, of course… Well, I'll go once I finish eating then." The stupid Oda replied.

… Ah, I have to move too, I got too engrossed in the usual stalking routine that I forgot about the schedule. Better get going.

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Precious… All girls of the class were changing their clothes to go to PE… Me and miss Ichijouji too, of course. I wonder what she does to take care of her body though…

She's so beautiful, her skin shines with perfection, her hair is long and glossy, her body's shape is nothing short of incredible… I might even get a nosebleed if I stare for too long, this sight isn't meant for human beings….

"Miss Ichijouji? You talked a lot with Oda today, are you really just friends?" One of the girls asked. That was an important question. The time I have available to stare at miss Ichijouji's perfect body is short, but I can't get so drawn into it to the point I miss this kind of information.

"Yes?" She simply replied. She seemed tired of dealing with people's questions, there was even a hint of a murderous aura around her… Is she just bad at getting along with classmates? Or is she tired of having others prying into her life?

The other girl didn't seem to understand anything though, as she continued, "Really? Couldn't you be dating-"

“I’m not.” Miss Ichijouji replied bluntly. Those are wonderful news, now I can be sure that the stupid Oda won’t ever reach the pages of my doujinshi!

The girl seemed to start remembering her place, so she changed her behavior a bit, “Then, would you mind telling me how you got to know each other?” I’m curious too! Please do tell!

“From a game called KSO.” Miss Ichijouji replied.

“Miss Ichijouji you play games? That’s surprising.” The girl commented… And KSO of all things? I play it too! How didn’t I meet you there!? How did Oda skip ahead of me!? “I wonder if I should try playing it too?” This girl… She sure has guts, doesn’t she? How dare she try to-

“Do what you want. I’ve finished changing, so I’m going.” Miss Ichijouji got up and left, she was clearly annoyed… Today we’ll play dodgeball, I hope she isn’t on the enemy team… Though I’d love to be able to directly stare at her in PE uniform…

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I was unlucky and was not in miss Ichijouji’s team. She seemed to be fighting in a war, she threw the ball so hard, she could catch the balls thrown at her without even looking in their direction, and almost all of her throws were aimed at either the head, neck or chest. It really felt like she wanted to murder everyone… Her hits really hurt.

She felt just like the Genocider, didn’t she…? No, no, absurd! What am I even thinking!?

But they are a bit similar… If her hair was a bit shorter and got a white mesh, and if her eyes were red… That’s just the Genocider, isn’t it? But there’s no way… It’s impossible!

… Oda met miss Ichijouji at KSO… The Genocider and Yuu met in the event and talked like friends… I’ll have to interrogate Oda at the game today.

Chapter 69 – Ichijouji Reina's Daily Life – Part 5

"Are you the one who played with my juniors?" Someone asked.

I looked at the rude guy that called me out from behind and asked back, "… Who are you?" I have no idea who he is nor who are those juniors he mentioned.

"I'm talking about the trio you beat this morning." He said.

"Yeah! That's her!" One of his sidekicks said.

"Please show her how it's done, boss!" Another one said.

I'm in a bad mood due to all those annoying people at school that kept asking me the same questions over and over again, so it felt hard to hold back… But I have to keep my promise with mom…

"Let's go talk somewhere else, there are too many eyes here." I told him.

"Oh, it's going to be a quick talk alright, before I ruin this pretty face of yours that is." He pointlessly claimed.

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"I-I'm sorry!" One said.

"M-monster!" Another exclaimed… I overdid it due to my bad mood. PE didn't help me relax at all, and then these people decided to bother me before I could get home and play… I wonder if it's okay to go a bit far? I'm

still from a duke's family, so my word will probably win against theirs anyways.

"Die, you piece of- Gah!" A man that thought he was hiding himself well with a baseball bat tried to attack me from behind, I smashed his nose with my elbow, twisted his wrist and stole the bat from his hand.

"W-what's wrong with this woman!?" One exclaimed.

"Let's run, boss!" Another shouted.

As the two tried to run, I threw some empty beer cans that were piled up nearby at them. As I hit their necks, they lost their balance. Then I moved closer and hit their legs with the bat to stop them from moving.

Following that, I dragged them near the rest.

"Forgive me… Please forgive me…" One said.

"J-just what are you doing?" Another said.

I was annoyed at them, but I didn't really care that much… They were just playmates in the end, so they don't have the right to complain much.

I guess this much is fine… I ended up hitting them quite a bit in areas that were still covered by their clothes, it should be enough.

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"Welcome home, young lady" Mr. Yamamoto said as I got home.

"I'm back, Mr. Yamamoto. I will visit the study for a bit before going to the villa." I told him.

"Please be wary, there are visitors in the house right now." Now? That man is aware that this is the usual time I come home, yet he scheduled them to be here anyways? Must be related to that adoption…

“I’ll keep it in mind.” I told him and left towards the study, while making sure to avoid the reception and that man’s office. The servants were surprised by my presence, but I ignored them. I lived here up until mom’s death, so I don’t need them to show me the way.

“The adoption has nothing to do with you.” That man said… For some reason he was talking to his guest in the study instead of in the meeting room. It’s probably better to ignore them altogether and just get what I came here for… I accidentally stole glances with that man though, who didn’t even try to hide his disgust, though it’s not like I tried to hide mine either.

“Oh, miss Reina! You have grown so beautiful, you’re just like your mother!” The guest said… For a moment I thought he was just unable to read the mood, but considering how he mentioned mom, he probably knows exactly what he is doing.

“… Hello, count Anegakouji, I’m sorry, I had not noticed you were here.” I told him.

“No, no, not at all. I’m so unremarkable that even I sometimes forget I’m here!” This annoying person always tries to be humorous, but he is mostly a pest, this is surely trouble. “I know! Let’s see what miss Reina thinks of it!” He then asked that man.

“What of it?” That man answered.

“No no, you see, that’s something she should have the right to talk about!” The count continued… He’s really a viper.

“… Don’t push it.” That man said.

“Oh, of course, my apologies.” With just that, the count retreated, but he is definitely going to try causing trouble right after… “It’s just that I can’t help wanting to know why you decided to adopt someone when you have miss Reina, who was born from your lovely wife?” That man seemed to be getting more irritated with every word of the count. “She has become so beautiful, I’d be glad if she could become closer with my son.”

He is definitely aware of how my family works, yet he still says those things… I can't curse him openly though, so let's just give a neutral rejection, "Unfortunately, I dislike men"

"There's nobody who'd want to have a child with a monster." That man said. It's annoying that he took my side, but it's a good thing that he is making it easier for me to avoid contact with others.

"Are you two, parent and child, really saying that?" The count idiotically asked.

""We're not parent and child."" Me and that man said in unison.

"I see…" The count said. I wonder if he was just going for this kind of reaction from the start. Such a bothersome person… "Well, I'll go home for now, we can decide what materials we can trade later." And with this, the count left.

"… I've gotten a report. You had to do it while going back and forth from school?" That man suddenly said… He probably means those thugs.

"What about it?" I asked him.

"It's a good excuse to imprison a monster." He replied.

"Nobody will believe a bunch of outlaws were beaten by the lone daughter of a duke. It's more likely that they'll suspect some of her relatives set her up." I told him.

"… So disgusting. And here I thought you had just stayed in the villa obediently these days." That man said. Though even if he wanted to lock me up by himself, one can't simply lock up a member of a ducal family. "I don't accept your inhuman existence, unlike the rest of the world."

"Is that so?" I vaguely replied, that kind of thing doesn't bother me anymore, so I just stared at him as he got up and started leaving the study.

"… You're the monster that killed your mother." Before leaving, he looked back and made such a declaration. Just what the hell did you just say!?

“… Obsolete aristocracy.” I murmured just loud enough for him to hear.

“… What?” He stopped as he heard that.

We’re both aware that he has more than enough merit to his name. He did a lot as the minister of finance and was even a pretty likely candidate for prime minister, but that didn’t really matter right now.

“Whatever glory that you think is yours, just came from some old wars that happened more than 80 years ago.” I continued.

“You little…” He was biting it. He can make as many political speeches as he wants about equality, but he was still part of a noble house in the end.

“The world only sees the Ichijouji household, you are nothing.” I kept going.

“Shut it!” He said while punching me.

Seems like I fanned him a bit too much, his punch actually made my back clash against the bookshelf and made a bunch of books fall down. “Is this alright? That’s assault against a woman, isn’t it?” I said.

“… The monster that robbed me of Reiko is not a human.” He said something like that and left. I had to take some deep breaths to not kill him when he tried hitting me… I really should have killed him.

I really can’t be normal like my dearest mother wished me to, there just isn’t enough affection in me for that.

And that man is really so stupid and childish, just what did she see in him…?

Oh wait, one of the books that fell down was the one I was looking for, guess I won’t need to search for it and can just go back to the villa already.

“Young lady, is everything okay!? I heard a loud noise… Your mouth is bleeding!?” Mr. Yamamoto came in running into the study while saying those words… And behind is… A girl? She’s small, was there any child of

this age in here? Maybe she came with count Anegakouji… Well, she came with him anyways.

I touched my mouth a bit and noticed the blood. “Oh, it seems like it is bleeding.”

“Just what happened here…?” Mr. Yamamoto asked.

“I just fanned that man’s flames a bit too much, so don’t bother with it. Please clean up the bookshelf, if you could.” I said while getting up and moving out of the study.

“I don’t mind doing it, but…” Mr. Yamamoto seemed to be troubled as he said this… “Oh! Maybe you could spend some time with your sister-in-law!?”

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“It’s a great pleasure to meet you! I have wanted to meet you for so long, could we please-“ Yuuki said that this book had quite a bit of information on the game, I should hurry up and start looking over it. “D-dearest sister-in-law…”

“Young lady Komari, perhaps it would be best to give up for now…”

Yuuki said that the eastern route is the quickest path to reaching the royal capital, so it might be a good idea to go there.

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Let’s go to the villa already.